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Italy And Germany Get Their Share Of Raids

MANY DIE OF SUNSTROKE IN PORTUGAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Portugal yesterday suffered the worst heat experienced in seven years. Many died of sunstroke as the temperature rose to 100 in the shade and 150 in the sun at Oporto.—Havas.

INVASION DANGER STALLED?

Well-informed observers in London emphasized yesterday Britain's most outstanding challenge to Nazi air hopes with the following comments, writes Reuter's air war correspondent.

Firstly, almost 25 per cent of the German raiders on Sunday were brought down.

Secondly, for the first time whole enemy squadrons were destroyed.

Thirdly, the shell barrage defence by A.A. gunners proved deadly.

Fourthly, the enemy, however, were thrown by daylight against the best defended port in the world—London.

Fifthly, British fighters are forging an answer to the question, "How do the Nazis plan an invasion or blockade?"

Sixthly, blockade cannot be sustained at the present rate of German losses which total nearly 1,000 since June 18.

Still Our Moat

Seventhly, the English Channel, thanks to the R.A.F., Navy and Mercantile Marine, remains the English Channel.

Eighthly, it does not follow that the Nazis will try an invasion now, with the Luftwaffe acting its well-known role as leader of the army attack.

Ninthly, the bombing of British airfields and aircraft production centres will probably be intensified. There may be a new wave of war-ton destruction and terrorism. Meanwhile, the R.A.F. is expected to increase the weight of

Works Go Up In Green Flame

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS OUR BOMBERS AGAIN BOMBED ITALIAN AIRCRAFT FACTORIES AT MILAN AND TURIN AND WORKS AT BAD RHEINFELDEN AND A CHEMICAL WORKS AT WAIDSHUT, NEAR THE GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER.

Buildings were wrecked by direct hits and left in flames. Aerodromes at Freiburg and Habsheim, near Mulhouse, were heavily damaged.

Coastal Command aircraft made another successful attack on Boulogne harbour in the face of intense searchlight activity and heavy A.A. fire. All our aircraft returned.

Vivid flashes and flames lit up the sky over the French coast in the direction of Boulogne early yesterday, when the R.A.F. raid on the port was in progress.

Explosions were heard by watchers in England and searchlights and A.A. guns were active for more than an hour.

Third Visit

For the third time, within a week R.A.F. heavy bombers on Sunday night attacked the Caproni aircraft factory at Milan and the Fiat works at Turin, states the Air Ministry news service.

Other squadrons of the R.A.F., operating 150 miles further north, severely damaged an aluminium works at Rheinfelden, on the German-Swiss frontier.

A factory near the Rhine was attacked for 90 minutes. To reach it our aircraft had to fly some 600 miles.

One of the first salvos of heavy bombs caused a high chimney stack to fall. Then, as more bombs found their mark, there followed a steadily spreading fire.

Green Flames

Next a hydro-electric plant housing turbines and generators was hit, and later more high explosives and canisters of incendiaries caused fires to spread rapidly.

Another section of raiders saw the wrecked plant illuminated by green flames.

Explosions occurred as further heavy bombs found the targets, including a direct hit on a converter plant. The whole area appeared by now to be ablaze.

An electro-chemical works at Waldshut, in the same region, was also attacked and set on fire.

Big Explosion

Other aircraft bombed an aerodrome at Freiburg, north of Basel. It is believed that in this attack an ammunition dump exploded.

Its offensive as well as defensive action against Germany, and German-occupied territories more and more.—Reuter.

An aerodrome at Mulhouse, in Alsace, was also attacked. Hits were scored on the landing ground and large buildings. Harassing attacks on the Italian aircraft industry were again successful.—Reuter.

MORE VICHY BUSINESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AS IS THE CASE WITH OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, THE FRENCH MEDICAL PROFESSION WILL HENCEFORTH BE CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS OR NATURALISED FRENCHMEN BOTH IN FRANCE AND THE COLONIES, THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE ANNOUNCED IN VICHY YESTERDAY.

The new decree provides that nobody will be authorised to practice as a physician, dentist or pharmacist unless he is a Frenchman by birth and having a French father.

Single exception will be made in the case of persons who "honour their adoptive country, scientifically or those who served in a fighting unit in the 1914 or 1939 wars."—Havas.

AN ODD REPORT FROM ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to the Rome newspaper "Corriere della Sera" yesterday, the British Legation in Budapest has received instructions from London to leave immediately for Britain.—Havas.

RUMANIA SACKS JEWISH OFFICIALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jewish staff members of various Rumanian Ministries were dismissed yesterday as the Government applied new anti-Semitic laws. The movement is now extending to the theatre and cinema.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: — West and south-west winds, fresh; cloudy generally, rain later.



H.M. the King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on July 2. Photo shows Lieut. G. H. Stanning, R.N., who was awarded the D.S.O. He is seen on crutches leaving the Palace. (Copyright, Fox).

CAR BURSTS INTO FLAMES

A car belonging to Mr. Tsan Kit-yat of No. 88, Robinson Road, caught fire outside the house at about 2 a.m. to-day. A fire engine arrived and extinguished the fire within a few minutes. It is believed that the outbreak was caused by a short circuit. Damage to the car is estimated at \$700.

INSULATIONIST SUPPORT FOR WILLKIE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SUPPORT FOR MR. WENDELL WILLKIE AND CONDEMNATION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S FOREIGN POLICY WAS VOICED YESTERDAY BY SENATOR NYE, LEADER OF THE AMERICAN ISOLATIONIST BLOC.

He supported the criticisms Mr. Willkie made on Saturday.

He agreed that President Roosevelt's foreign policy was useless and jeopardised the country's security.

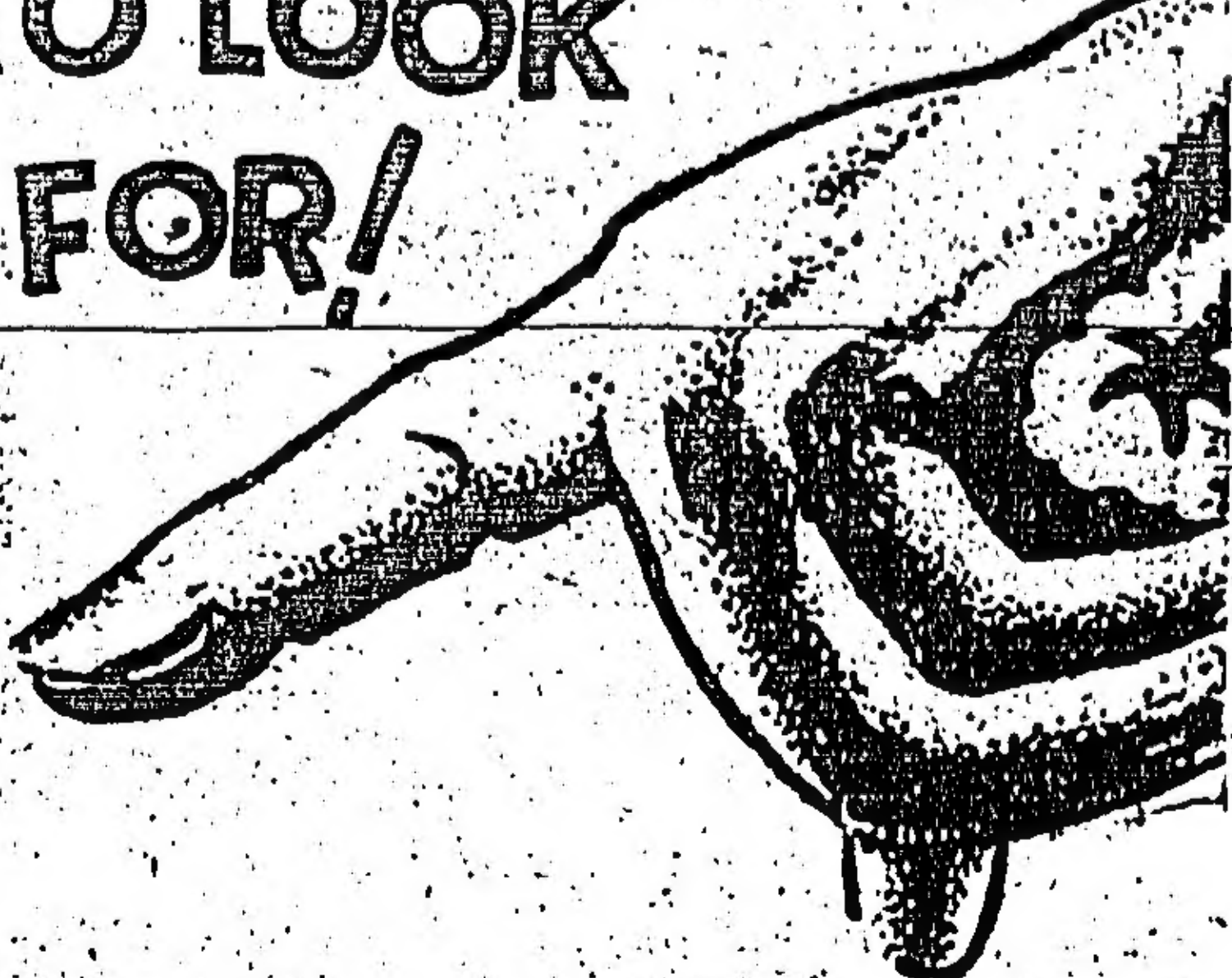
Although he is opposed to conscription, Senator Nye said that he was ready to support some form of national service.—Havas.

TYPHOON NEARING PRATAS

THE NO. 1 TYPHOON SIGNAL — "A TYPHOON EXISTS WHICH MAY POSSIBLY AFFECT THE LOCALITY" — WAS HOISTED AT NOON TO-DAY, WHEN THE TYPHOON WAS JUST OVER 300 MILES EAST-SOUTH-EAST OF THE COLONY AND JUST COMING OUT OF THE BALINTANG CHANNEL.

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Entire British Force Withdrawn From Somaliland

SPANISH OFFICIAL VISIT TO GIBRALTAR

General Grande, new Governor of Algeciras, is to pay an official visit to the Governor of Gibraltar to-morrow and will arrive in a Spanish warship.—Reuter.

FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE IN VICHY YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THE NUMBER OF OFFICIALS HENCEFORTH ALLOWED IN VARIOUS RANKS OF THE FRENCH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICES.

There will be 16 ambassadors, 16 ministers first class and 30 ministers second class, 15 counsellors first class and 17 counsellors second class, 22 first secretaries first class and 28 first secretaries second class, 14 attaches, 28 consuls-general first class and 39 consuls-general second class, 54 consuls first class and 61 consuls second class and 110 vice-consuls. — Havas.

FRENCH RESUME AIR MAILS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Several French imperial air lines have resumed regular passenger and mail services although the American and Far Eastern services remain closed. Lines reopened include: Vichy-Lyons-Marseilles-Toulouse, Marseilles-Algiers, Tunis-Algiers-Casablanca, Marseilles-Gao-Dakar. — Havas.

Blackshirt Units Pay High For Offensive

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced in London yesterday that Somaliland has been evacuated successfully; all guns were embarked, the bulk of the stores evacuated and the remainder destroyed. Enemy losses were particularly heavy.

The War Office communique announcing the evacuation states: The original dispositions in Somaliland were based on a scheme of close Franco-British cooperation under which the French forces at Djibouti were to hold the right flank — the pivot of the whole position.

With the sudden secession of the French Government from participation in further hostilities, a new and grave situation was created.

More than half the available Allied force had been neutralised and it became immediately necessary to decide upon the most effective measures for dealing with the emergency. Various alternatives were open to us. We could reinforce British Somaliland in sufficient strength to ensure its safety but that would have involved employing important reserves, thereby weakening the reserves in other theatres of war more important to our immediate war effort than Somaliland.

The time factor was also an

important consideration and this plan therefore was reluctantly abandoned.

The Third Course

Another alternative was immediate and unresisting evacuation, which meant abandoning British territory without fighting and thereby losing an opportunity of inflicting losses on the enemy in men and material which it will be difficult for him to replace.

A third course was to remain with our small force, using it to inflict maximum losses on the enemy until withdrawal had become inevitable.

This course was chosen and the evacuation of Somaliland was successfully completed.

Our force has been withdrawn. All guns except two lost in the earlier stage of the action, have been embarked.

The greater part of material stores and equipment were also evacuated and the remainder destroyed.

Our wounded were safely brought away.

Conspicuous Bravery

British, Rhodesian, Indian, African and Somali troops, working in the closest cooperation with the Navy and R.A.F., carried out their roles with conspicuous skill and bravery against greatly superior strength.

Enemy losses, particularly among Black Shirt units, have been heavy and out of all proportion to our own.—Reuter.

CAIRO BULLETIN

A war communique issued in Cairo yesterday states: Western Desert: Following naval shelling of dumps in the area north of Fort Capuzzo on August 17, our patrols report seeing for some hours dense columns of smoke hundreds of feet high.

Kenya: On August 18, a few miles from Buna, a party of thirty Banda (native conscripts) fled after exchanging shots with a small party of King's African Rifles.

Palestine, Sudan, Somaliland: Nothing to report.

NAZI OUTPUT REDUCED

ONE EFFECT OF THE R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMANY IS THAT THE INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT OF THE RHINE AND RUHR DISTRICTS HAS DROPPED BY OVER 30 PER CENT, SAYS A MESSAGE FROM ZURICH.

The Nazi Ministry of Labour has issued an order which states that in cases of necessity workers may be allowed up to half an hour for recreation after the all-clear signal following an air raid.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL STATEMENT ON WAR TO-DAY

Mr. Winston Churchill will make a statement at the end of question time in the House of Commons to-day. The statement is expected to be in the nature of a general review and will cover all theatres of war. It will be publicly debated afterwards. — Reuter.

NAZIS TURN FROM AA GUNS

NAZI RAIDERS ON SUNDAY MET WITH A CURTAIN OF FIRE PUT UP BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES FROM ESSEX TO HAMPSHIRE.

In one case, a formation of 70 Nazi bombers, with fighter escort, approached the Thames Estuary but turned back when a terrific barrage shot up ahead of them.

One of the first to congratulate the Ack-Ack boys was a Hurricane pilot who had been chasing a Dornier.

When the German was finally brought down, the plane was found to be plastered with Lewis-gun bullets.—Reuter.

BRITAIN STANDS FAST

Under the heading "Britain Stands Fast," the newspaper, "Ikdan," of Istanbul says that Britain with all her strength resists and answers the enemy air raids.

Her counter-offensive is becoming more and more devastating. Her air attacks have been extended to Italy.

After the capitulation of France, Italy deemed herself secure. Italians must have been surprised to receive visits from British heavy bombers.

The British flew 1,600 miles. This would have been a fine performance in peacetime but in time of war denotes the might of British aviation and its perfection from every point of view.

Italian comment that the British were afraid to raid Italy by day is just simply ridiculous. Night raids are more difficult and perilous and only seasoned pilots can accomplish them; besides the British are not bound to operate under the most favourable conditions for the enemy.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING BOMBED DAY AND NIGHT

Chungking is being bombed by the Japanese day and night. Over 130 enemy bombers, flying in two groups, raided the capital yesterday afternoon, dropping many incendiary bombs. — Reuter.

COUNTERBLAST TO SOMALILAND?

R.A.F. action has added greatly to the difficulties of Italian preparations for a large-scale offensive in the Near and Middle East, Reuter's air war correspondent learns.

This and British naval action undoubtedly explains the delay in the threatened invasion of Egypt, it was stated in London yesterday.

It is calculated that already the R.A.F. offensive has been on a scale 50 per cent bigger than the Italian air force and with far fewer losses than the enemy's.

Notwithstanding that they are generally outnumbered and equipped with aircraft not of the latest British types, R.A.F. personnel have formed a low opinion of the enemy's air capabilities.

The R.A.F. superiority is regarded as a direct result of better training and a better stomach for war.

Italian air strategy has not been clear, except insofar as it is directed towards making the Mediterranean into an Italian lake by bombing action against shipping and interference with British blockade measures.

For Cooler Weather

In Libya, where Italian strength is estimated at about 530 aircraft, the pilots appear to be waiting for cooler weather.

It is believed that in Italy there are about 1,500 aircraft available for action in the Middle East.

The fact that the Italian air force has not backed up the thrust into Somaliland as might have been expected is believed to be due to the urgent necessity for conserving petrol.

Italy has also had to carry out punitive air action against sections of the Abyssinian population on the verge of revolt, particularly in the region of Lake Tana.

Italy's Position

It would not be surprising if, faced with difficulties in getting further supplies, Italy's effort in

U.S. SHIP IN "GRAVE DANGER"

A German Embassy spokesman in Washington said yesterday that although the "American Legion" would not be attacked by German air or naval forces, the American refugee transport was probably in an area of "grave danger."

The Nazi spokesman added: "We are concerned about the danger of mines which we no longer can control." — Reuter.

MORGENTHAU ON TRIP TO CANADA

MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY, LEFT BEACON, N.Y., YESTERDAY FOR AN UNDISCLOSED DESTINATION IN CANADA.

It is understood Mr. Morgenthau will be away for about a fortnight. His departure has aroused speculation that the visit may be connected with the United States-Canada defence plans. — Reuter.

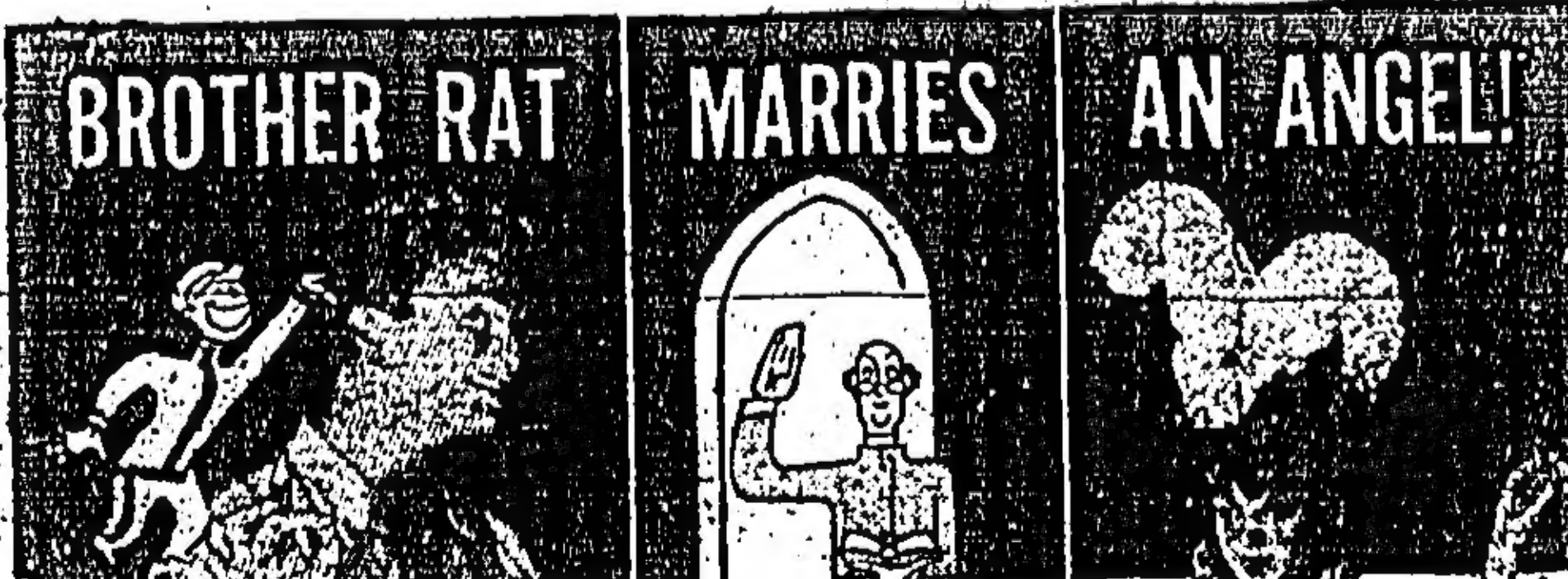
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Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, in naval uniform, shaking hands with the Mayor of the town, during a recent visit to units of the Dutch Fleet in a British port. (Copyright, Fox).

BELGIAN ATTITUDE CLARIFIED

There is a strong possibility that further prominent members of the Belgian Government will shortly come to England and set up a Belgian Government in this country, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent understands from foreign sources in London.

There are now in London three Belgian Ministers — M. Albert de Vleeschauwer, M. Gutt and M. Jaspar.

The first is in charge of Congo affairs, M. Otto is concerned with Belgian finance and M. Jaspar is Minister for Public Health.

There is also in London a group of Belgian parliamentarians — the only members of the Belgian Parliament that have come to this country — who have already declared their confidence in an Allied victory and an assurance that Belgium is prepared to cooperate in full with the Allied effort. — Reuter.

THE WAR CABINET IMPRESSED

The Air Minister has received the following message from the Prime Minister:

"Please convey to the Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command, the congratulations of the War Cabinet on the success of the operations against Germany on Friday night.

"The War Cabinet is impressed by the skill with which both these operations, and those against Italy and Germany on other recent occasions have been prepared and by the cool, sure courage and efficiency with which the fighting crews of bomber squadrons have carried them out.

"Both night and day bomber squadrons are dealing hard blows against Italy and Germany. They deserve the thanks and admiration of their fellow countrymen." — Reuter.

HYDERABAD'S SPLENDID EFFORT

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has cabled appreciation and gratitude for

SEVERE RAIDS ON CHUNGKING

Chungking was twice raided yesterday by Japanese planes.

A Japanese squadron staged a moonlight raid over the wartime capital at 1 a.m., releasing a large number of bombs. Several houses in the Soviet Embassy were demolished.

In the afternoon about 190 enemy planes came to repeat the bombing. Over ninety of them came into Szechuen from Hupeh while the rest from the direction of Shansi. Those from Hupeh reached Chungking around 1 p.m. and those from Shansi around 1.45 p.m. Demolition and incendiary bombs were rained indiscriminately. Several fires broke out.

Casualties numbered only about 100.

The social hall of the Methodist Church was hit by an incendiary bomb and completely demolished. The buildings of the National Bible Society of Scotland and the China Inland Mission suffered damage.

Rescue corps, first aid units and fire brigades displayed remarkable courage in rescuing the wounded and putting the fires under control. Relief stations were immediately established in the bombed areas to give medical aid and tea and food to the refugees. Those who lost their homes and belongings as a result of the raids were sent away and accommodated. — Central News.

ADDIS ABABA RAIDED

MESSAGES FROM CAIRO STATE THAT THE RAID ON AERODROMES AND OTHER MILITARY OBJECTIVES AT ADDIS ABABA, CAPITAL OF ABYSSINIA, WAS CARRIED OUT BY BLENHEIM BOMBERS. The Italians were apparently taken by surprise, as our bombers encountered no fighter opposition. To reach their objective, the bombers had to fly 400 miles across very mountainous country. — Reuter.

a magnificent gift from Hyderabad State consisting of nearly £100,000 for the purchase of fighter planes for the defence of Britain. — Reuter.

GERMAN BOMBER PILOTS NURSING HEADACHE

FAILURE TO RETURN OF ROUGHLY ONE IN FOUR OF THE GERMAN RAIDERS WHICH ATTACKED BRITAIN ON SUNDAY HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN THE NAZIS ANOTHER BAD ATTACK OF INDIGESTION. YESTERDAY MASS RAIDS WERE OUT, AND BRITAIN HAD TO DEAL ONLY WITH MINOR ATTACKS.

AN AIR MINISTRY of Home Security communique states reports have now been received of the destruction of three more enemy bombers on Sunday, bringing the total for that day up to 144.

Two of these were shot down by Blenheim aircraft of the Coastal Command. The third was destroyed by a sergeant pilot of an unarmed Anson aircraft of the Training Command.

Whether he intentionally rammed the raider will never be known. The two aircraft collided and fell to the ground interlocked.

Yesterday's enemy activities over Britain have been on a minor scale. Only intermittent attacks have been attempted by aircraft operating in small numbers.

Damage by bombs was done to houses in a town in Essex and to a village in Norfolk.

Oil Tank Fire

A dock in south Wales was attacked but damage was confined to an oil tank which was set on fire.

Several R.A.F. aerodromes were also attacked.

Reports so far confirm that two enemy bombers were shot down by our fighters.

Roof-Tops Machine-Gunned

A solitary German bomber, after circling a south-east inland town yesterday afternoon, dropped two bombs. Both fell in fields.

Earlier a German bomber was brought down in the south-west.

A south-east coast town was visited in the afternoon by a solitary raider which dropped four bombs and machine-gunned roof-tops after which it hastened out to sea.

Two houses were wrecked, and there were a few casualties, two of which were serious.

East End Of London: One Bomb Kills Three

Three civilians were killed and several seriously injured when an enemy plane dropped a bomb in the East End of London.

R.A.F. fighters attacked the enemy craft which is believed to have been shot down.

Reports received to 7 o'clock last evening show that two more enemy bombers, making four in all, have hitherto been destroyed by R.A.F. fighters. The engagements were in all cases with a single enemy aircraft. — Reuter.

It is now officially disclosed that two more R.A.F. pilots out of 22 British fighters shot down on Sunday in engagements which resulted in the destruction of 144 Nazi raiders are safe. This brings the total number of British pilots saved to twelve. — British Wireless.

SMYRNA FAIR

Messages of goodwill will be broadcast in the Turkish language by Lord Lloyd and Mr. L. S. Amery to-day to inaugurate the B.B.C. exhibits at the famous Smyrna Fair which takes the form of a pylon twenty feet high from which English, Turkish and French news bulletins from London will be relayed throughout the day. — British Wireless.

INDIAN ARMY SUPPLIES FROM U.S.

TWO AMERICAN MOTOR COMPANIES ARE HELPING THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING MILITARY VEHICLES FOR THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING INDIAN ARMY, WHICH REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL 20,000 VEHICLES.

To help meet the demand, the American companies, it is reported, have extended certain sections of their factories which are said to be specially organised to deal with urgent Government orders. — Reuter.

NAZI AIR LOSSES HEAVIEST IN BOMBERS

It was officially stated in London last night that during the past seven days' air fighting, 513 Nazi raiders have been shot down. Of these, 377 or 73 per cent. of the total were bombers or fighter-bombers.

The figure of 513 refers only to those planes shot down by R.A.F. fighters. The total of the German losses in the seven days was 568. — Reuter.

ORGANISING THE WAR EFFORT

BRITISH EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEGUN TO REGISTER SKILLED MEN IN ENGINEERING WHO ARE NOT ALREADY ON GOVERNMENT WORK.

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An enemy tanker ablaze to the water line in the Channel off the French Coast. (Air Ministry Official Photograph).

Penetrating The Goebbels Bombast Smokescreen

AMERICAN NEWS commentators who have been sending daily broadcasts back to the United States about the recent Nazi air raids on Britain have effectively replied to German claims of tremendous successes and widespread damage.

Discussing Sunday's raids, one commentator said that Londoners were surprised to read in their papers that the German radio had reported a dark pall of smoke over the British capital.

From a high point in the centre of London, said the commentator, no such pall of smoke can be seen in any direction.

"Nine-tenths of the people saw no more and heard no more of the raids than you did in the United States!" he continued. "They had to tune in their radios or go out and buy a paper to discover what had happened!"

Another commentator described a motor tour he made through strategic coast towns in the south-east and south, in search of the "devastated areas."

It was like "looking for ant-hills in the Grand Canyon!" He was genuinely surprised to see what little damage had been done to military objectives. He went unescorted and without a guide, and went directly to the points where so much damage was supposed to have been done.

A third commentator, discussing German claims that Croydon was left in flames, said that he was at Croydon aerodrome an hour after the raid and found neither flames nor smoke.—Reuter.

An American Test

The German Wireless claimed on August 16 that German planes "in unprecedented numbers have been for many hours over London. In the opinion of foreigners living in London it was the greatest air offensive the world has ever witnessed."

Yet an American broadcaster from London said: "American correspondents in Fleet Street neither saw nor heard any German planes."

Again, the Germans said that they had closed one of Britain's biggest ports. An American broadcaster who went to investigate said on August 16: "A thorough and unrestricted inspection of the vast docks showed ships from all parts of the world unloading cargoes of all kinds, wheat from Canada, oil from the United States, meat from Australia, minerals from South America."—Reuter.

ACROSS THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

THE 4,000 MEN OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE WHO ARE MARCHING 100 MILES ACROSS THE BLUE MOUNTAINS TO BATHURST ARE NOW STRUNG OUT ALONG THE ROUTE AND ARE RECEIVING A GREAT WELCOME FROM PEOPLE ALL ALONG THE WAY.

On Sunday, the Governor-General motored from Sydney to inspect them, and thousands of motorists spent the week-end in the mountains in order to see them.

The first batch are expected to reach Bathurst on Friday.—Reuter.

ARTILLERY FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

The fifth contingent of artillery arrived in Britain yesterday from Newfoundland. The men were welcomed by the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner.—Reuter.

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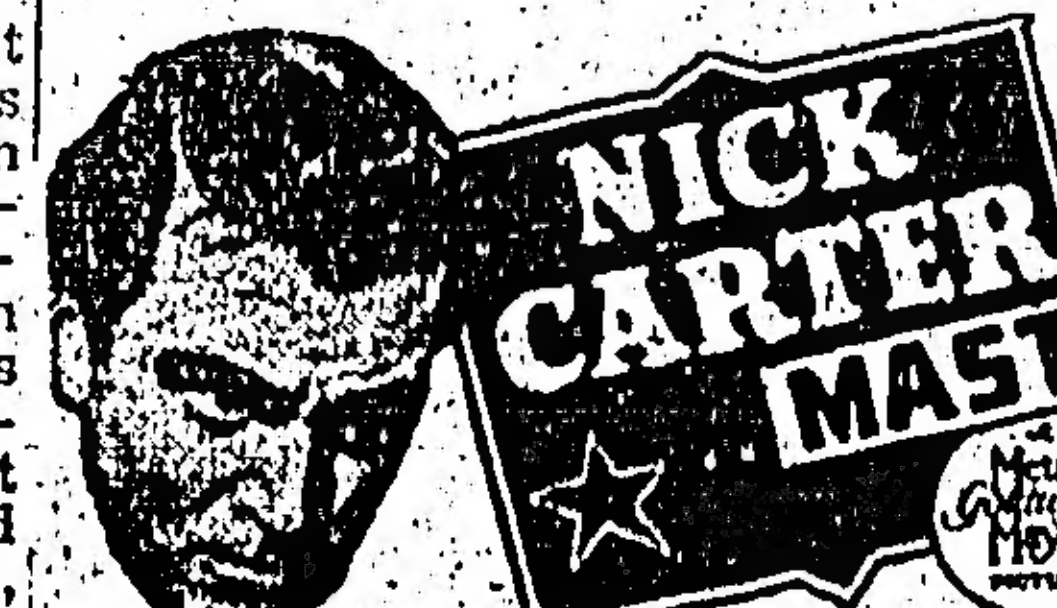
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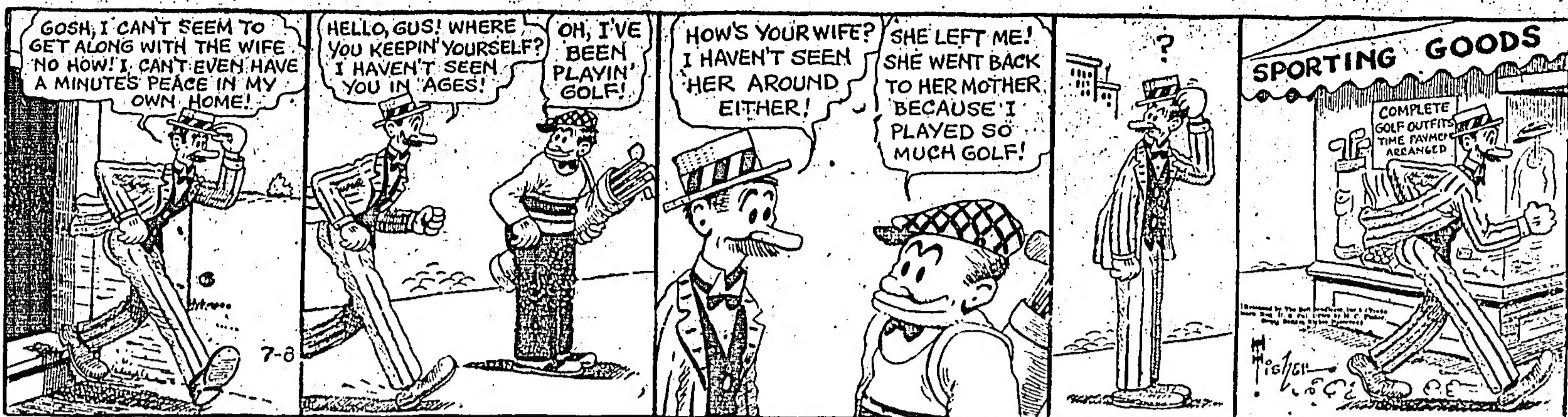


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NAVAL OPERATIONS OFF LIBYA

YESTERDAY THE ITALIAN WIRELESS, BOASTING OF DAMAGE IT ALLEGED RECENT ITALIAN RAIDS ON ALEXANDRIA HAD INFLICTED, ADDED IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BRITISH FLEET WAS "WITHDRAWING FROM THIS BASE."

This observation has drawn from observers in London the comment that the British Mediterranean Fleet, unlike the Italian Navy, frequently leaves its base in order to cruise in the Mediterranean and take the offensive against the Italian forces.

It would appear the Italian wireless is endeavouring to distract attention from these operations and their true significance by depicting them as the flight of the British Navy from danger.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE BOMB JUNK

The bombing of a junk by a Japanese plane was reported on the arrival of the craft in Hong Kong yesterday.

The junk was anchored south-east of Swabue when the plane appeared overhead. It dropped

ANOTHER SHANGHAI CONFERENCE

According to a Japanese Embassy spokesman in Shanghai yesterday, a second joint meeting will shortly be held to discuss who is to take over the British defence sector in the International Settlement.

The spokesman said the meeting will be called before departure for Hong Kong of the British troops.—Our Own Correspondent.

several bombs and one, exploding close to the junk, blew off the hand of the son of the master, Wong Chun-wang, who made the report to the police. His son has been admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

"NOW IT CAN BE TOLD"

Sir, — With reference to the article in your Sunday contemporary, entitled "Now it can be Told."

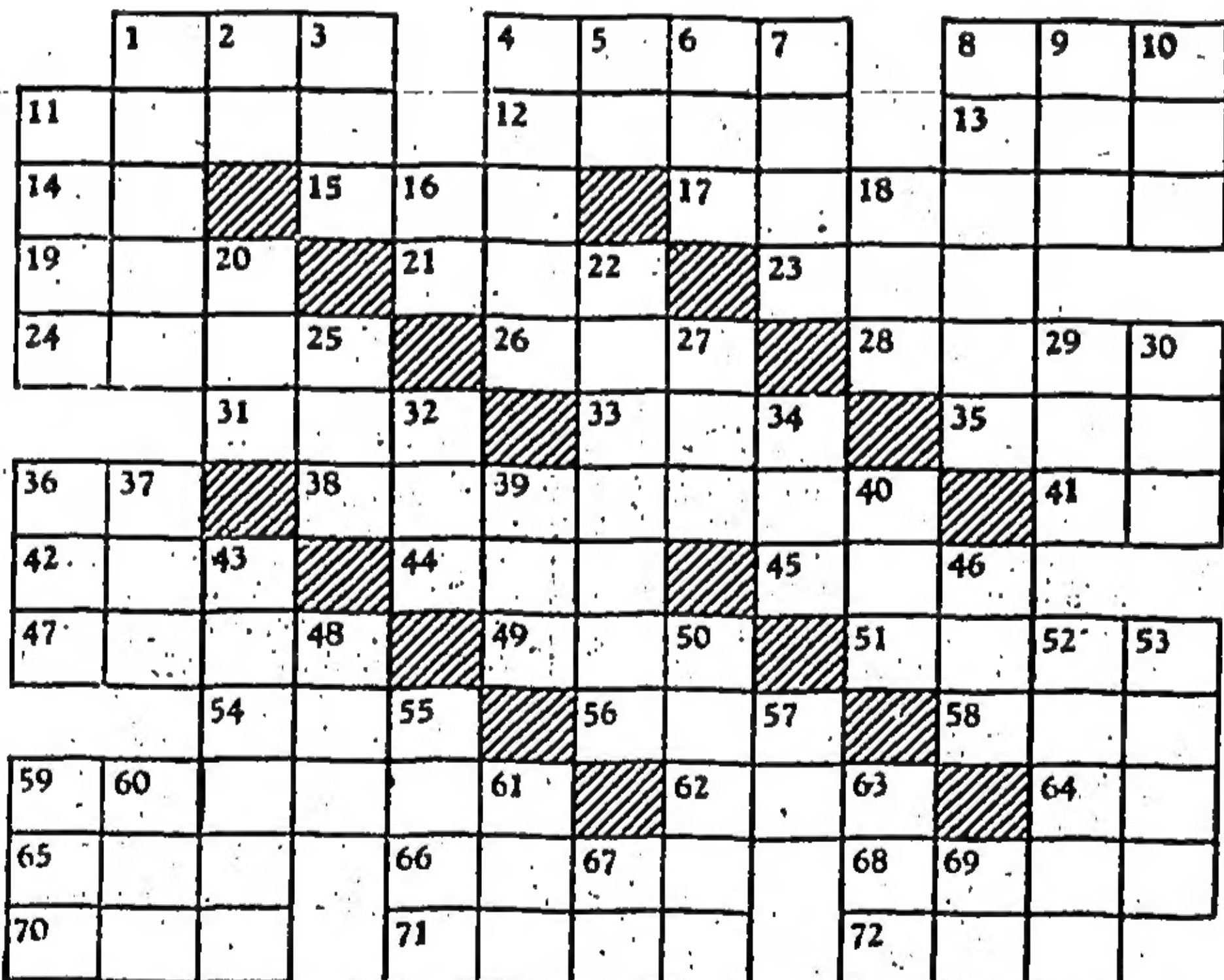
As one who has suffered and therefore given much thought to this subject, I would like to advance some of my ideas for your consideration and, if you consider worthy, publication.

As I see it, there is only one way in which to combat this disease and automatically the preceding vice, and that is, MAKE it a notifiable disease. This might be quite impossible under present laws, public opinion etc., but, if not possible, it could be made compulsory for any person of whatever race, class, creed, or sex, who is known to have passed on venereal infection to either prove to satisfaction of Government by Medical Certificate or otherwise that they are already receiving satisfactory treatment or to submit themselves as required for treatment until cured or at least, until they are unable to pass the disease on.

It might be considered that this system would impose on personal liberty but as the whole matter would be dealt with from start to finish confidentially, there would be no real ground for complaint. I suggest that a person contracting Venereal Disease and knowing from whom the disease was contracted, should report (confidentially) to the Special Prostitution Branch Police, giving such information as to whereabouts of the unfortunate party as he is able. Police already have a Prostitution Branch but apart from occasional raids and prosecutions of Sly Brothel owners and others in the racket there is little result to their activities. The Police and Venereal Branch of the Medical Department could then call upon the person to supply information as required when Medical Department could say whether treatment was necessary or not. In the event of malicious information being made, the matter would finish in hands of the Medical Dept., and in any case few would care to proceed with a malicious report if they were required to give personal particulars when making the report. There are probably many other "snags" but I have an idea that this or some similar system has been tried out in some of the States in U.S.A., with some success.

Finally, as a bachelor who has lived in the colony for 14 years, I think the implication in cartoons etc., that our grass-widowers are already walking around "love hungry" is positively obscene and, if any of my married friends were so lacking of self-control and consideration for their wives and families as to risk infection, (apart from knives, forks, towels and other boloney), then I would have little sympathy for them. "ARSENIC"

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Part of a circle
- 4 Non-professional
- 8 Unit
- 11 Butter substitute
- 13 Ornamental braid
- 13 To pull
- 14 Note of scale
- 15 Palm leaf
- 17 Whole
- 19 South American language
- 21 Mischievous child
- 23 Overly
- 24 California rockfish
- 26 Constellation
- 28 Belgian river
- 31 Yellow bugle
- 33 Conclusion
- 35 High note
- 36 Preposition
- 38 Ousted
- 41 Preposition
- 42 Medieval ship
- 44 Part of "to be"
- 45 Profuberance
- 47 To venture
- 49 Skillful
- 51 To cook

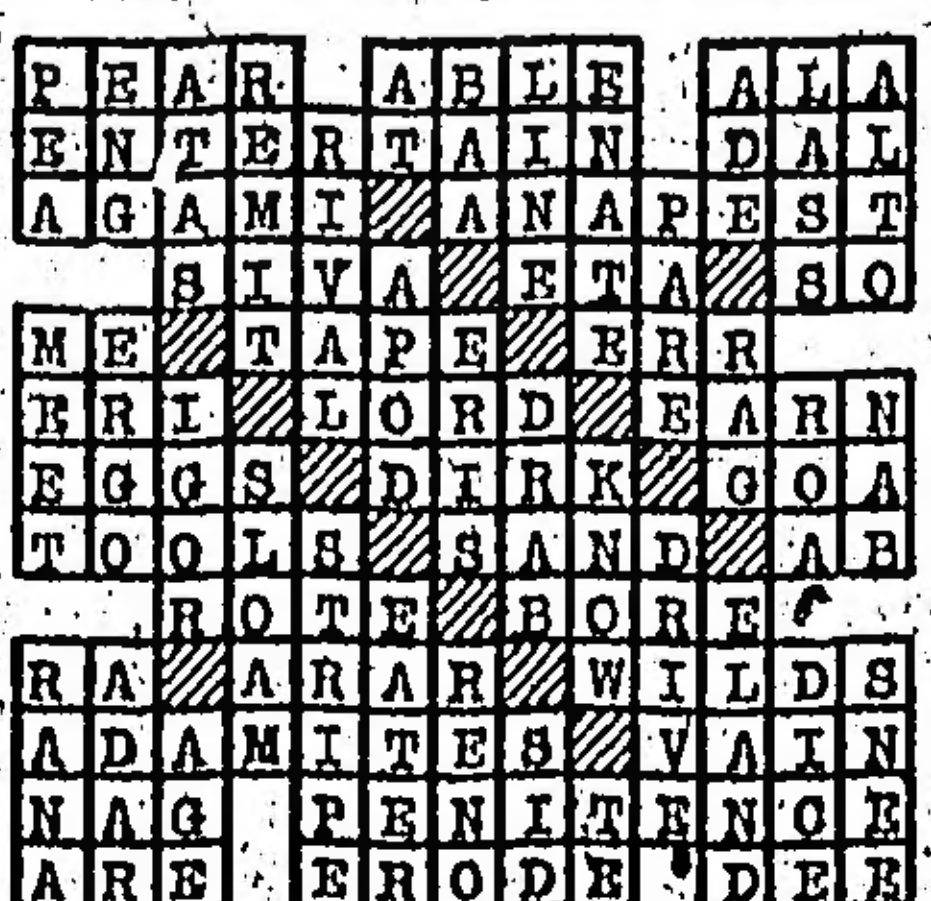
VERTICAL

- 1 Unaccompanied
- 2 Note of scale
- 3 Cry of dove
- 4 Beast of burden
- 5 Cooled lava
- 6 Frozen water
- 7 Coin
- 8 Inactive
- 9 Conjunction
- 10 Sheep

11 Aroma

- 16 Chinese measure
- 18 Plaything
- 20 Blackbird
- 22 Rule of conduct
- 25 Hall
- 27 Insect
- 29 High priest
- 30 Sped
- 32 Hummingbird
- 34 Cave
- 36 Conjunction
- 37 Reception
- 39 Man's name
- 40 To entitle
- 43 Gallie
- 46 Evil
- 48 Period of time
- 50 Reproach
- 52 Former name of Chosen
- 53 Wife of Geraint
- 55 Shield
- 57 Exists
- 59 New Zealand bird
- 61 Blister vetch
- 61 Silkworm
- 63 Feminine name
- 67 Mulberry
- 69 Hebrew name for God

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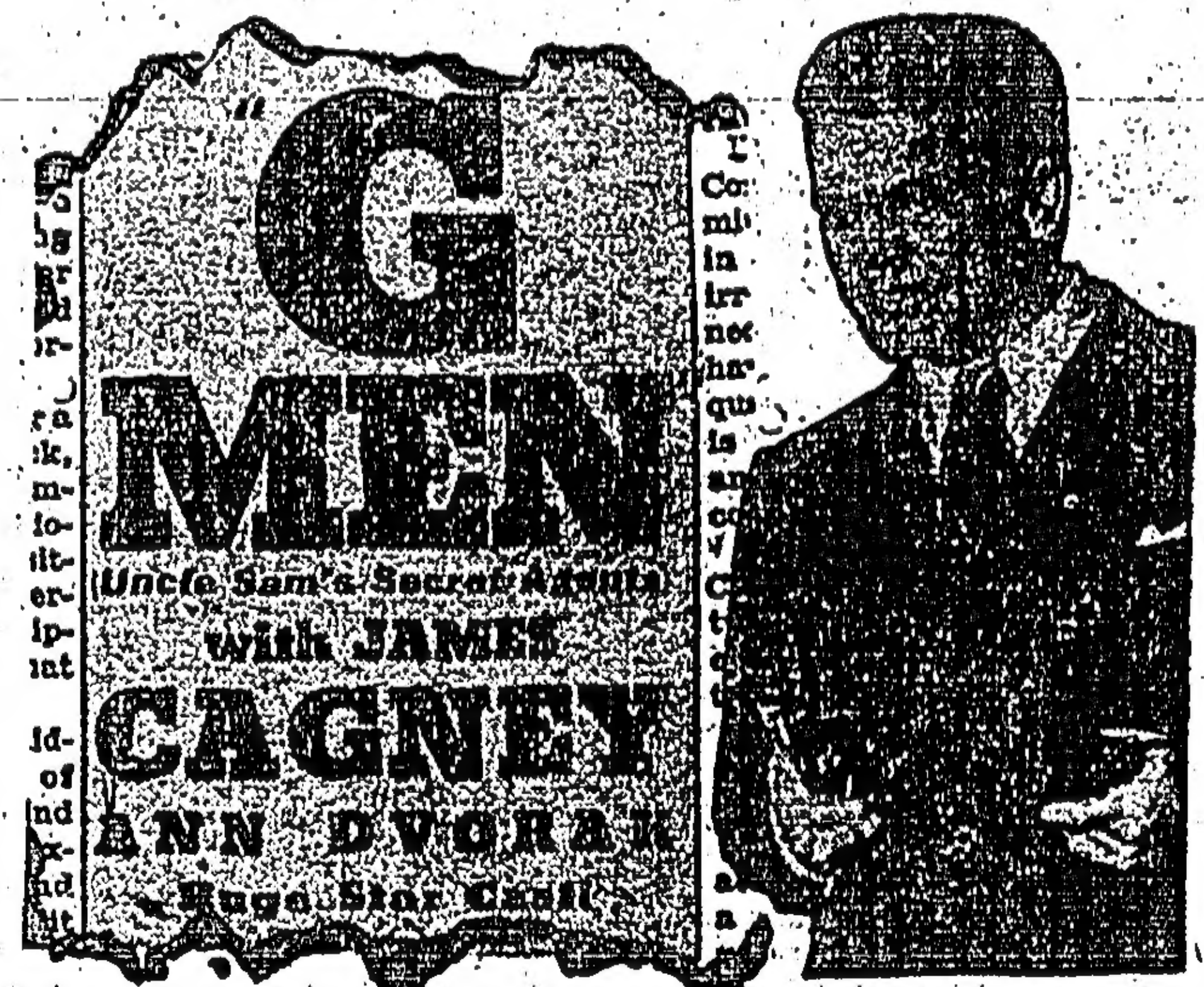
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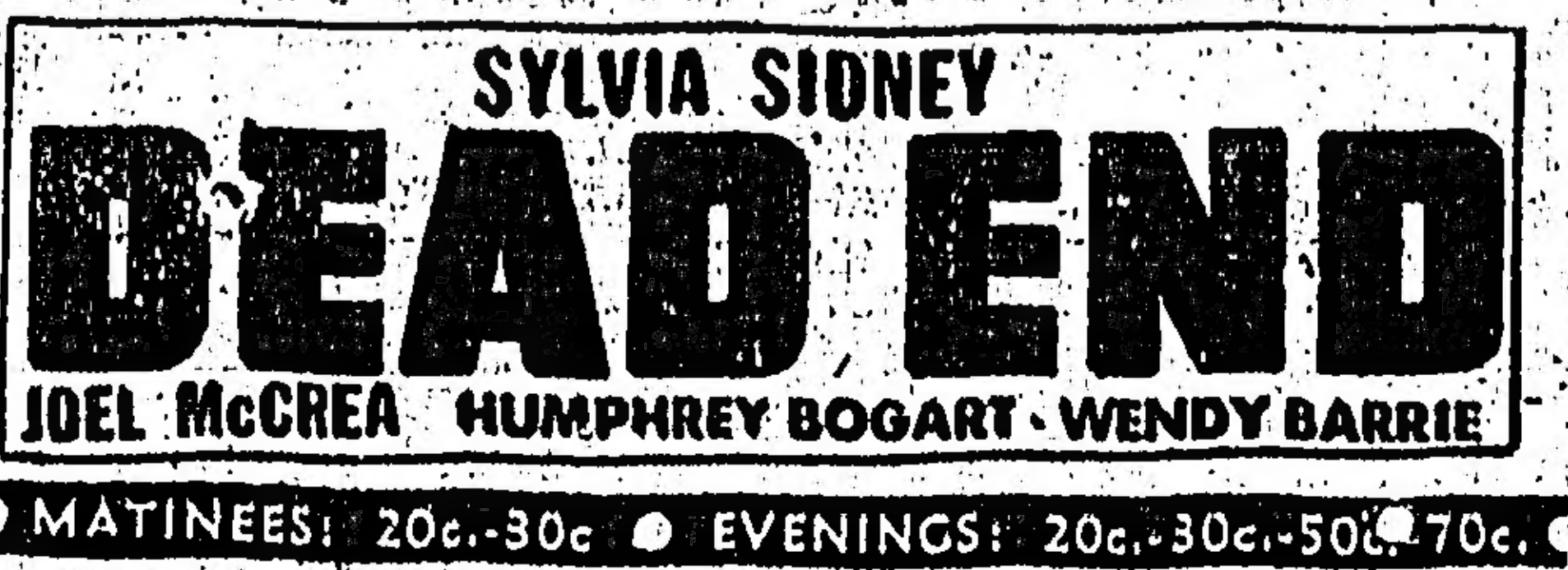
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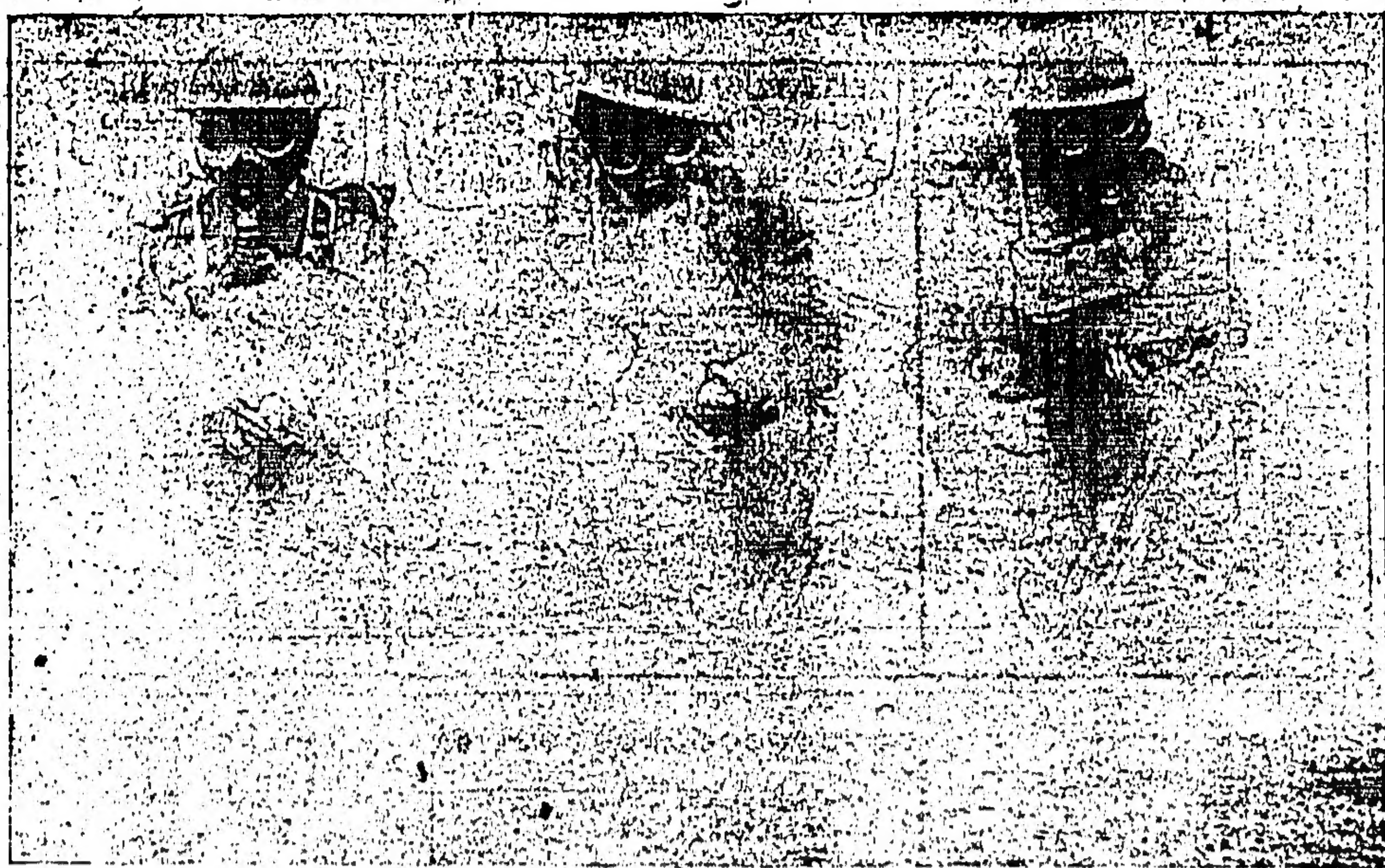


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Some of the first consignments of "Tommy guns" from America have been handed to a famous Guards regiment. These pictures, taken recently show Guards in training with their latest weapon. Photo shows Guards, complete with gas-masks, and Tommy Guns, making their way through a smoke screen. (Copyright, Fox).

HUNGARIANS RETURN HOME DISSATISFIED

It is understood Rumania has proposed the cession of four departments in Transylvania, in reply to the Hungarian demand for 13 departments.

M. Hory, head of the Hungarian delegation, was reported to be returning from Turnu-Severin to Budapest last night.

AMERICAN TRIBUTES TO BRITAIN

American newspapers continue to pay more attention to the Battle of Britain than to domestic politics.

The "Miami Herald" in an editorial yesterday declared: "The British are not merely on the defensive, waiting for an invasion. They attack and that is the method of victory."

"This resistance, this offensive, arouses the hope that Britain may show the hollowness of the great German machine when once it confronts a prepared, determined people who are not afraid, whose morale is high and who fully realise what it would mean should Nazidom conquer and enslave them."

It Must Be Us

The "Atlanta Constitution," commenting on an article by "Tafrail" on Dunkirk, says: "Somewhere in that tremendous hell was forged the spirit that the automatons of Hitler can never beat. No men of the playing fields of Eton these. They were something greater, something more. They scorned death that something greater than they might live. These are the men who hold fast to-day the bastion of Britain."

The "Charleston News-Chronicle" remarks: "Something seems to be holding Hitler up and it must be the British."—Reuter.

Magnificent Capacity

"Britain has demonstrated a magnificent capacity to resist the mightiest waves of bombers and fighters from across the Channel," said the "Washington Star" in an editorial yesterday.

The "Christian Science Monitor" commented: "There is in British resistance, a morale, a unity, and a determination which the Nazi arms have not heretofore encountered."—Reuter.

MORE CHILDREN ARRIVE IN CANADA

Several liners, carrying about 700 children from Britain, entered an eastern Canadian port late yesterday.—Reuter.

The Rumanian reply to Hungary's proposals is considered in Budapest to be entirely unsatisfactory.

Calm prevails in the Hungarian capital, however, and no immediate action is expected.

Meanwhile the Rumanian and Bulgarian delegations met at Craiova for negotiations which are expected to lead to an agreement ceding southern Dobruja to Bulgaria.

The agreement involved, it is believed, the cession to Bulgaria of areas of Cilistria in a strategic position on the Danube.

Technical details to be worked out include an exchange of population and the question of compensation.—Reuter.

NAZI AGENT FINED IN PANAMA

Emil Wolff, described as a German chemist, was sentenced in Panama yesterday to three months' imprisonment on a charge of being a German without being registered with the U.S. Secretary of State.

Wolff was fined U.S. \$1,000 on a charge of being a Nazi agent.

The gaol term was suspended, however, on condition that the fine was paid, and this is expected to be forthcoming from the \$10,000 bail deposited by the German Legation. Wolff was arrested and taken off the Japanese steamer Yasukuni Maru seven weeks ago when it arrived in Panama from Los Angeles.—Reuter.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY VOTE APPROVED

The Senate appropriations committee in Washington yesterday approved the Appropriations Bill providing a fund for a two-ocean navy and equipping an army of 1,200,000 men.—Reuter.

"GLORIOUS" SINKING DEATHROLL

Casualties in the aircraft-carrier *Glorious*, lost off Norway in June, totalled 1,204, it was revealed in a casualty list issued by the Admiralty in London yesterday.

Captain G. d'Oyly-Hughes, D.S.O., D.S.C., in command, was among the 33 officers killed, as was Lt.-Comm. C. H. Wells, son of Sir Richard Wells, M.P.

In addition, 43 officers are post-mortem missing.

Of the ratings, 71 were killed, one died of wounds and 869 are missing.

R.A.F. casualties were five killed and 36 missing.

The N.A.A.F.I. canteen staff and Maltese ratings also figured in the list.—Reuter.

KIDNAPPED FROM A BALLROOM

Two Chinese dancing in the Paramount Ballroom in Yu Yuen Road in the International Settlement, Shanghai, were kidnapped yesterday.

Four gunmen dragged them out of the ballroom, and forced them into a motor car waiting outside.

Chen Kung-liang, an intelligence agent under the Wang Ching-wei regime, who was seriously wounded by two gunmen at his residence on Sunday morning, died in the Paulun Hospital yesterday.

Ku Chih-chung, chief reporter of the "Sin Wan Pao," who was wounded last Saturday has had the bullet, which lodged in his left shoulder extracted, and is expected to recover soon.—Central News.

BRITAIN TO BE WARNED

Germany, through the Swiss Government, has sent a Note to the British Government describing the uniform and distinguishing marks of parachute troops.

After referring to previous instances in which it alleged German parachute troops were ill-used, the Note states that if they receive any treatment not in conformity with international law, the reply will be "serious reprisals against members of the British Air Force."

Authoritative circles in London state the British Government has not yet received the Note.—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

INDO-CHINA BANQUETINGS

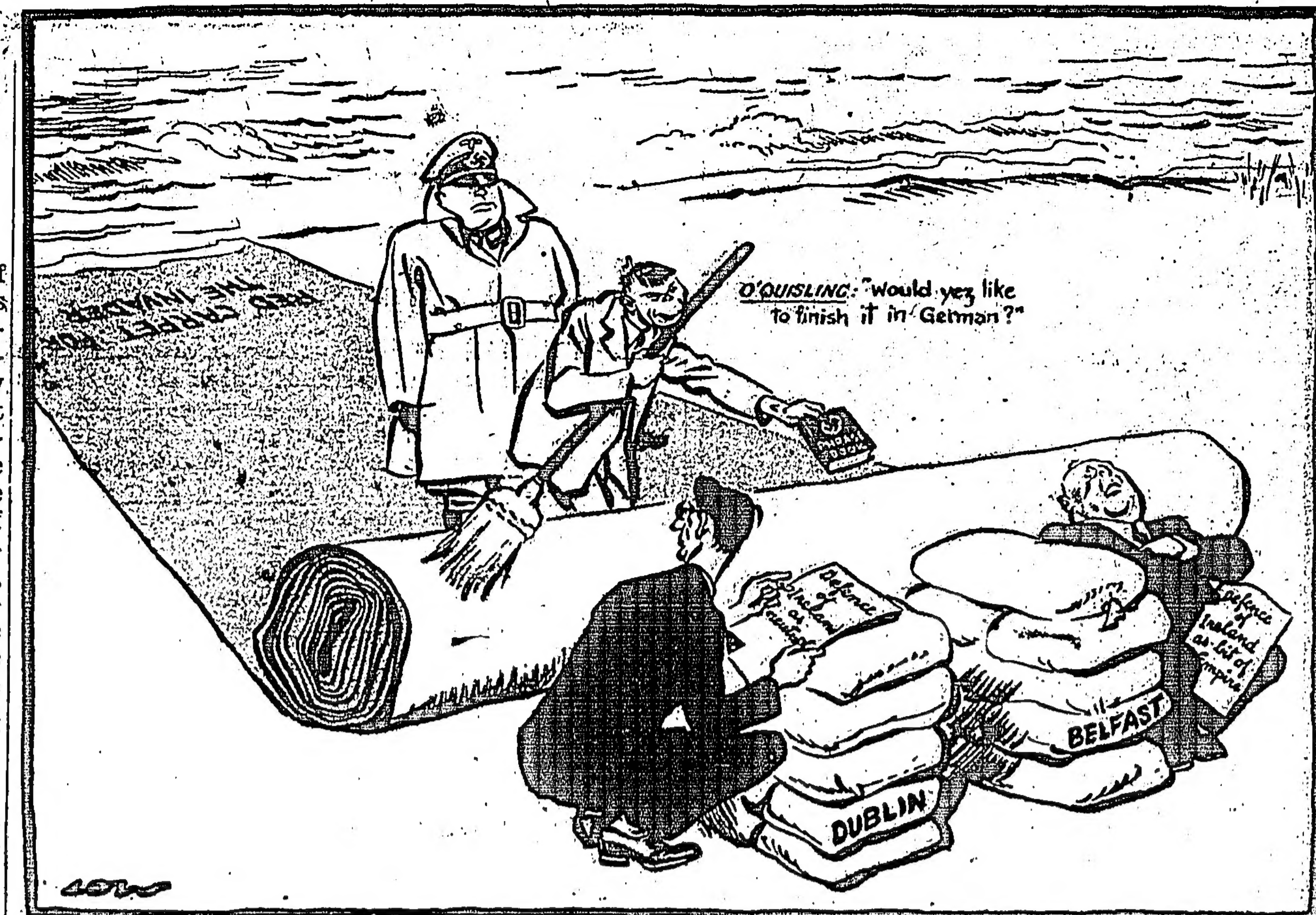
The exact meaning of Indo-China banquetings in which General Nishihara and high French officials meet in outwardly amiable intercourse is not easy to fathom in the absence of any clear picture of the progress of the more serious business of General Nishihara's mission.

It seems probable, however, that Admiral de Coux and his advisers are doing their best to make virtue of necessity and that there is nothing of greater significance in Hanoi's social gatherings.

Japan's decisions about Indo-China will not, after all, be governed to any important extent by events in the French Colony. When France collapsed, a first-class power disappeared from war and diplomacy.

Both France and Britain had been at a disadvantage in the Far East since the war began, for they were absorbed in Europe. But now France was "out of the war"; she was to be disarmed on land, on sea, and in the air; she had herself abandoned her alliance with Britain, and therefore French Indo-China, the gateway into the China that is resisting Japan, has to depend solely on its own resources. Britain also, with the whole burden of the war thrown on her, was manifestly more embarrassed than before. Hence, as a Tokyo newspaper declared, Japan's "golden opportunity." The embroilment of the European Powers has always given Japan her chance. It was so in 1915, when she launched her Twenty-one Demands on China. It is so now, when the collapse of France and the absorption of Britain and, temporarily, of Russia enable her to strike out for her two aims, one of them immediate and the other more remote.

Japan's policy is to set up a "new order" in East Asia. The first step is to impose this order on the China that is ruled by Chiang Kai-shek. It means in practice that China is to form one "block" with Japan and Manchukuo, is to hand over her northern provinces to Japanese control, and is everywhere else to submit to Japanese tutelage and exploitation. China has derived a certain amount of war supplies from Russia in the north, by the road from



IRISH ARGUMENT

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The Joke Of The Cream

During the week-end I heard from Somerset Maugham, famous storyteller, the story of the arduous journey that he and some 700 other Britons lately made from the south of France.

It took them 20 days, in a small ship—a collier—ill-adapted for passengers.

"It was a bad experience in one way," said Maugham. "I'll tell you why: we only had lifeboats enough for the crew of 38; and there were no lifebelts—so that if anything had happened...

"That was till Gibraltar. We did take on a few rafts there. I think we wouldn't have minded the danger without the discomfort, or the discomfort without the danger; but both at once—" he chuckled; I doubt if he showed, during the journey, that he minded either.

CERTAINLY the discomfort was bad enough. Penetrating coal-dust begrimed them all. It must have contributed as much as their common danger to the breaking-down of class divisions that Maugham noted.

"After the first day or two," he said, "one no longer tried to wear a clean shirt. Of course, one's finger-nails were always black."

Maugham's novels have often enough dissected women—elegant women, silly women, animal women. It interested him now to see women looking as he had never seen them look before—with filthy hands and clothes; yet laden with pearl necklaces and diamond bracelets, worn constantly because they had nowhere else to put them.

DID they still make-up their faces?" I asked. "Or did they just give up the struggle?"

British Burma in the south-west, and through French Indo-China in the south-east. Japan has now her opportunity, as she believes, to stop that traffic. The moment is the more important to her because General Chiang has been hard at work developing munitions output in China itself, and if he can hold out for a certain time he might become independent of supplies from abroad.

"Never," he said. "They lent each other their cream and lotions, of which there was an apparently inexhaustible supply. They cleaned their faces up as best they could and put rouge on top."

ASKED what the food had been like.

Bully beef and sweet biscuits had been the staple fare at first. At Gibraltar they took on stores. (Maugham bought two bottles of whiskey, one of rum). From there on their main meal, at midday, consisted of an immensely filling soup—"meat, vegetables, everything in it; it was really very good."

Morning and evening they had

By William Hickey

biscuits and jam—"oh, and I must also say that we had raw onions. I had never eaten large onions raw before and, d'you know, I got quite to like them."

They ate sitting about on deck; or, if the weather was bad, down in the coal-dusty hold, where they slept. In rough seas there was much illness.

Between meals Maugham played a good deal of patience, read books. In his suit-case—all the luggage allowed—he had brought, leaving an immense library to an unknown fate, three books; two classic novels of the 1850s, "Esmond" and "Villette," and Plato's *Trials and Death of Socrates*.

There are two schools of thought about reading in such emergencies. One favours the classics, one thrillers. Maugham wanted something long to read; thrillers are too soon done, would have taken too much space. In that situation, too, he said, he found the wisdom of the dying Socrates, his calm summing-up of the values of life, the insignificance of death, "extraordinarily poignant—quite different from reading it in your library." He found this, also, soothing.

THERE were clergymen on board, both RC and C of E. Maugham doesn't seem to have had much contact with them. He did not notice any praying going on.

The C of E clergyman read the burial service once, at midnight,

over an unfortunate woman; over 80 years old, wife to the sexton of an English church on the Riviera. She had been ill before; the journey was too much for her.

To a prober of human nature like Maugham the study of his fellows on such a trip could hardly have failed to be fascinating.

"What struck me most," he said, "was how extraordinarily nice to each other people were. There were a few grouches, but very few."

"On the whole, the unselfish ones became more unselfish, and the selfish ones became more selfish (and usually got the best of it—lining up for a second ration of food, for instance, and getting it!)"

"People were remarkably calm. When a submarine was sighted, and our people were laying depth-charges, everyone lined up excit-

edly to watch, as if it had been a show—no thought of danger."

Maugham himself made friends with an Australian who had knocked about the world a bit: "he could do things that I couldn't have done. For instance, he made a soup-can for us out of an old jam-tin, and a shovel for the dirt out of a biscuit-tin lid."

WHEN I saw him, Maugham still felt tired. "They"—the Ministry of Information—had kept him hard at it since his return. ("I'm an old gentleman now," he said; "66"). But I doubt if he would wish that nightmare voyage unmade.

The British Vice-Consul at Nice travelled with them (the Consul having left France by a more comfortable route, going into Spain with the Duke of Windsor). "I was very glad," said Maugham, with the curious emphasis that a slight hesitation lends his speech, "I was very glad when we reached home and the Vice-Consul made us a little speech and told us—this sounds a bit jingoistic, but you mustn't mind—that he was proud that we were British."

I didn't mind.

D. H. Lawrence

D. H. Lawrence and Susan His Cow. By William York Tindall. Oxford University Press. Pp. xiv, 231, 18s. 6d.

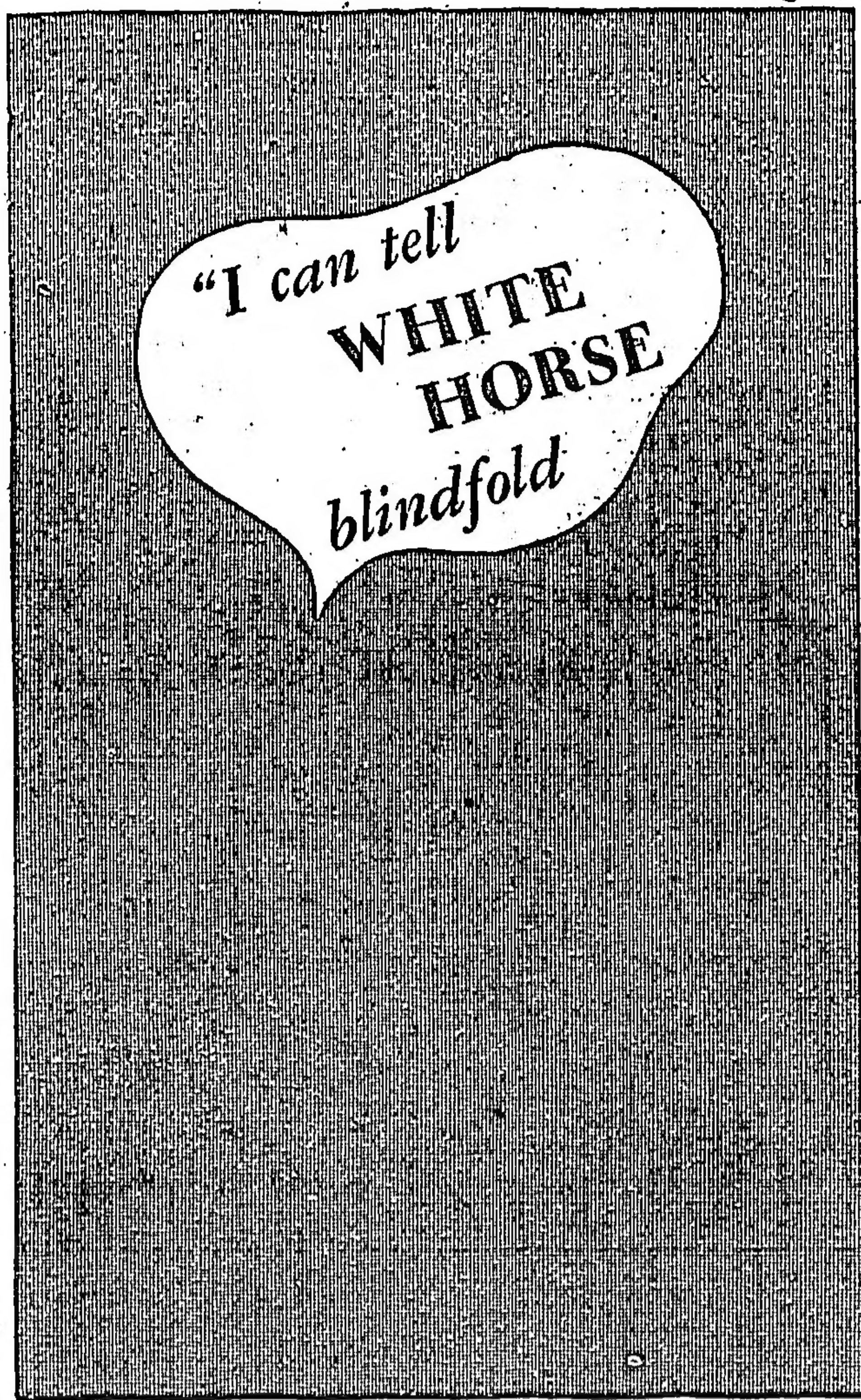
It is hard to discover any useful purpose that can be served by this effort, unless indeed it has relieved the author of his burden of dislike of a number of things, particularly of the man he has chosen for his thesis. Professor Tindall starts by disposing of all other attempts towards an evaluation of D. H. Lawrence—including Aldous Huxley's and Professor Paul de Reul's—as being either "not scholarly enough" or as too frequently taking "the form of notes on the state of the critic's soul." We must therefore infer that he claims immunity in both sorts for his own book.

For true scholarship most readers, one thinks, would find Professor Tindall's violent wagging something of a stumbling-block, and his detestation of all mysticism, or even religion, in poets from Wordsworth onwards reveals him as a soul with a sneering cast which is not the best disposition for the undertaking he has set himself. He expresses surprise that so few scholars and historians have paid attention to Lawrence, and he tries to remedy this by discovering what Lawrence read, especially in bypaths of religious philosophy.

The quest is singularly vain, and it is made vainer by being harnessed to poor Susan, the comely cow at Lawrence's New Mexican ranch, whose master milked and tended her in his own characteristic manner, which may be found sympathetic or absurd according to taste. To drag in Mme. Blavatsky and the Hindu worship of the cow gives no more significance to the fact that, in Professor Tindall's phrase, "Lawrence allowed himself to be photographed with" Susan while, in fact, milking her. Lawrence was also photographed with his dog, and his special attitude towards animals, plants, and the rest is sufficiently clear in his own writings.

Of Wordsworth's Lucy this author says she "was so close to sun, shower, and the scenery that vital feelings of delight swelled her bosom beyond repair." Of Lawrence he states that "he was given to boisterous levity, to horseplay, and to pranks such as painting flowers and serpents..." Where do we find either Wordsworth or Lawrence in such curious, inexact observations? And why "pranks?"

When it comes to social observations the same odd twist occurs. Venetian blinds are coupled with tubular furniture as non-Victorian.

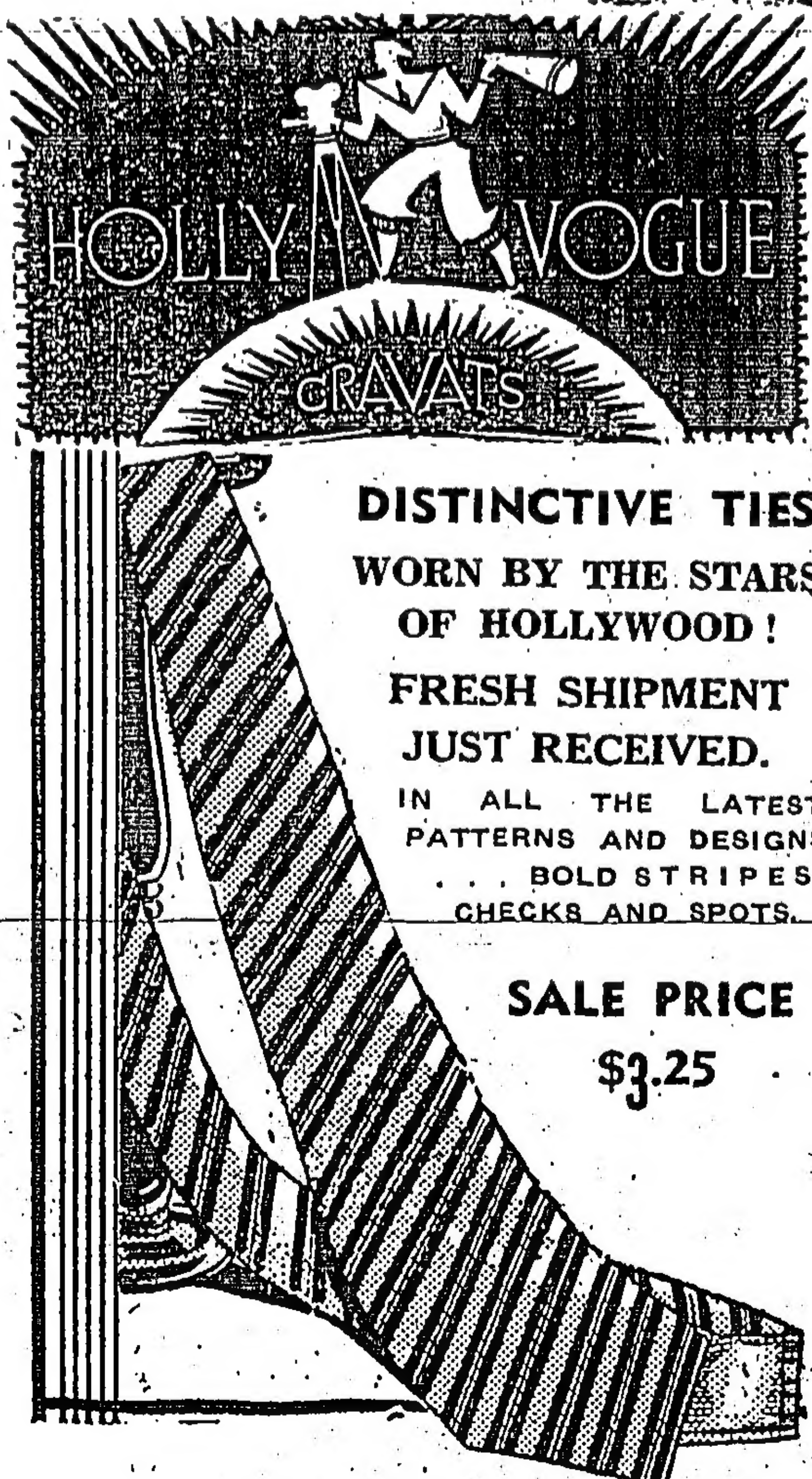


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HOW BRITAIN REACTED TO RAIDS

THIS IS HOW the various sections of the British public reacted to the ordeal of the mass air raids.

Children who were not evacuated from towns raided on the Thames Estuary behaved magnificently. They kept up the spirits of their parents and elders, and were not scared of bombs, planes, searchlights or sirens.

The Anderson shelters stood up well and though a few were penetrated by splinters from heavy bombs bursting at close range, the majority were undamaged.

In those shelters which had been hit the occupants of the houses had had no time to get to them, and stayed behind in a lower room of their homes.

A.R.P. and first-aid men did grand work.

But they all complained that they had no time to organise themselves properly because the sirens here were not sounded until after the bombs had fallen.

Hospital Calm

The raid on one town provided the first real test for a British hospital under air raid conditions. The result was described by the secretary as "very satisfactory."

For over an hour the whistle of bombs screaming through the air, and the crash of repeated detonations mingling with the roar of air-craft and the thud of A.A. fire was clearly heard.

"Without one solitary exception everybody behaved magnificently," said the secretary.

"The patients themselves—they were all awake—remained calm and quiet."

He Never Whimpered

One story typical of many acts of courage comes from a house where an A.R.P. warden, Mr. Maurice Reginald Baker, lives with his wife and five-year-old son Nigel.

"Before I was out on the job," Mr. Baker said, "the first bomb, exploding in an adjoining garden, threw me down as I was hustling Nigel and my wife to safety in the house."

"I then went off to Frederick Jolley—the Mayor's chauffeur—but he had been killed by a bomb-splinter, and I spent the next half-hour attending to other cases."

"Then my wife, Nigel and my wife's sister went into our Anderson shelter with a neighbour's dog. The neighbours were the cooks. They were all hit and went to hospital."

"All through the warning Nigel was peeping out and looking at the searchlights, shouting: 'Are they getting anywhere near him?' We did not hear a whimper out of him all the time."

Killed At His Door

One victim of the raids was killed because he was curious.

Harry Wisden, thirty-four, heard the bombardment begin in an Essex town, went to the front door and was killed by a bomb splinter.

Many people had narrow escapes, but were still able to laugh.

A Suffolk rector and his family were awakened by bombs which fell on either side of the rectory. They escaped unhurt.

The rector's wife said: "The bombs swept my chimneys for me free."

Girls' Escape

By seeking refuge in shelters quickly many avoided serious injury.

Thirty-seven evacuated girls in a hostel in East Anglia went into a refuge when the siren went.

A bomber crashed into a large tree in the garden and burst into flames.

The matron declared that had the machine not hit the tree it would have struck the hostel.

Noise of the raids, though intense, was not so bad as was expected.

One man in the centre of a district where many bombs fell

FREE LOVE FOR NAZIS

"I am a soldier, 22 years old, tall, blond, blue-eyed. Before I go away to give up my life for my Fuehrer and my country, I want to meet a German woman by whom I could leave a child and heir for the glory of the German Reich."

This "agony column" advertisement is typical of hundreds which appear daily in the Nazi Press.

Soldiers invite girls to become mothers of children by them before they leave for the Front. Women, in turn advertise for a soldier to give them a child.

"A German girl wants to become the mother of a child whose father is a German soldier fighting for National Socialism," runs one such advertisement in the "Schwarze Corps," the organ of the Gestapo.

Encouraged By Nazis

The paper has made a speciality of this kind of advertisement.

Marriage is seldom mentioned by the advertisers, who are frankly advertising for promiscuous sexual relationship.

The Nazis encourage the practice. Any woman who has a child by a soldier is given preference for Government positions and the child is brought up at the expense of the State.

WAITER ASPIRED TO BE POSTMAN

Li Lau, 23, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with obtaining money by false pretences.

It was stated that defendant obtained a sum of \$10 from a waiter by promising that he could obtain employment for him as a postman.

Defendant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour, and ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

U.S. SHIPS TO CARRY CHILDREN

The U.S. Senate yesterday unanimously approved legislation permitting U.S. ships to bring children from the war zone. The Bill is now being sent to the House of Representatives for action on minor Senate amendments. — Reuter.

said:

"The noise was terrific and at first frightening. But most people soon got used to it."

Nor was the damage as great as was feared.

Many bombs fell in one district of the Eastern Counties. The only casualty was a lorry driver standing beside his lorry. He received a slight wound.

Caravan dwellers only 150 yards away were unhurt and their caravans untouched.

PRAY FOR ITALIAN LOSSES

The fact that Britain took the initiative in East Africa has had a profound effect in Abyssinia.

The natives were most impressed by the bombing of Dire Dawa. No bombs fell on the town, but the entire bazaar is reported to be praying for raids throughout the country, and for the maximum damage to the Italians.—Reuter.

"KIDNAP" ATTEMPT SEQUEL

The Yaumati "attempted kidnapping" incident had a sequel this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon, when seven persons appeared on different charges. They were remanded for three days at the request of Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser.

Accused are:—
Chan Sing, alias Chan So-tai, 33, motor-car driver, of No. 307, Hennessy Road;

Wong Ping-kwan, alias Tong Chui, 22, of No. 3, Pottinger Street;

Lau Ping-po, alias Ko Lo, 24, of No. 71, Cornaught Road Central;

Leung Ki, 26, of No. 344, Matauwei Road;

Leung Shu-cheong, 22, of No. 344, Matauwei Road;

Li Siu-kai, alias Lam Chui, 25, of an unnumbered hut in Tai Hang; and

Chau Yau-chi, 35, accountant of the Tai Ping Restaurant.

Second, fifth and sixth accused are charged with assaulting (with intent to rob) Mr. Fung Kim-sang, owner of Tai Tung Restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central, and the Tai Ping Restaurant in Yaumati, on August 17 in Pak Hoi Street when armed with a pistol.

First five accused are charged with armed robbery on March 8, 1940, at No. 344, Matauwei Road, second floor, and with possession of three revolvers and one knife.

Seventh accused—the accountant of Mr. Fung's restaurant, is alleged to have conspired with others to commit an armed robbery, while the fifth accused is charged with possession of an automatic pistol on August 17 without a licence.

FAILED TO RENEW LICENCE

Mr. K. E. van Marle, of No. 20, Conduit Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for driving a car in Repulse Bay Road, without a valid licence.

He had failed to renew his licence and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

A Jack, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was fined \$10 for a similar offence.

Defendant had never had a Hong Kong licence.

Mr. C. E. Hyde, of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, was summoned for failing to have a licence disc on the windscreen of his car on August 3. A representative told the Court that the car was newly bought, and the licence disc was not given to him in time. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

GERMAN GIRLS' TRAPS TO CATCH BRITONS

IN THEIR ATTEMPTS to found an efficient Fifth Column in Great Britain, the Germans, it has been discovered, have trafficked in their women and young girls, some of whom are now the wives of British citizens.

It has not been a one-sided affair. The women, most of them young, good-looking, intelligent "Aryan blondes," willingly agreed, years ago, to hand themselves over body and soul.

Belonging to the Hitler Youth Movement, membership of which was compulsory for German boys and girls as far back as 1933, they threw themselves for the sake of their Fuehrer into the "duty" of meeting British citizens, marrying them and bearing them children.

Their sole aim was to gain British rights by marriage.

Often enough love came after and many of these marriages have been ideally happy.

Yet the overriding thought and aim has been to serve Hitler and Germany.

The authorities have not been unaware of the increased number of marriages between German, Austrian and Italian women and British citizens year by year.

Here is a story told by a London business man who went to Germany before the war.

They Never Drank

He noticed, he said, a remarkable and sinister change in Berlin night life in the months before Hitler invaded Poland.

"Hitler's clean-up of the night life was thorough, all right. The astonishing thing was that instead of night clubs being closed, intelligent girls of good family were found in them.

"They were not painted trolls, but good-class girls who could speak English or French. They acted as dance partners, but unlike so many professional hostesses, they never drank.

"They were eager to meet foreigners, especially Englishmen. While playing their guests with drink they would ask questions, innocent questions on the face of it—no use in peace-time, but red-hot stuff if a war was on."

In Hamburg and Cologne it was the same. This hard-headed business chief saw lovely, educated girls waiting to pounce on the unwary.

And there is the story of the well-to-do Englishman who took his wife and son to Garmische. Scene of the last winter Olympic Games, for a holiday.

Charming To Son

A pretty blonde receptionist went out of her way to be charming, so charming that they were forced to ask her out to dinner with them. Anything less would have been churlish.

She accepted. Speaking perfect English, she never stopped asking questions, nor suggesting how much she would like to come to London.

She was charming to the son. An invitation to England seemed almost the least that could be offered her.

Yet, sensing the girl's over-eagerness to visit Britain, the family succeeded in shaking off this charming limpet. But not for long.

Soon after their return home they received a letter from the girl. She was in Newcastle, and, point-blank, asked if she could come and stay with them.

Thoroughly suspicious by now, the family refused. It was an obvious rebuff.

Even so the beautiful fraulein "discovered" them when next they stayed in Garmische, beginning all over again her efficient, alert questioning, her insistent fishing for a London invitation.

And five weeks later England was at war with Germany!

There is also the experience of a journalist in the Königen Bar, swaggar Cologne night club, a few weeks before war broke out.

Haunting Waltz

An Englishman came in, quickly to be intercepted by a couple

of smiling German girls. Soon all three were laughing and joking together, the girls, of course, speaking fluent English.

Next a tall handsome German doctor sauntered across to some English visitors to ask one of the girls in the party to dance.

He told her casually, as they swayed to a haunting Strauss waltz, that his home was in Hamburg and that he had only recently returned from service with German troops in Spain.

"I know England well," he added. "I was a student at Liverpool University. Maybe soon I shall return."

Not until war broke out did the girl recall the arrogant smile of that swaggar young German as he said, so softly, "Maybe soon I shall return."

And it was not until the Nazis hordes marched that she remembered the words that night of an Australian: "You know, I've discovered they hate us, especially the women, in these places."

Met At Spas

All these stories go to make a portrait done in whispers. Pleasantly, smilingly, charmingly, Germans sought the friendship of the British. And, very often, these Germans married into the British Empire.

"Der Engländer" was flattered by the fuss. Maybe he would find himself linking arms with a handsome, strong-limbed fraulein and swinging to the captivating rhythm of the Rhine lieder.

"A Rhenish maiden with Rhenish wine, that must certainly be heaven on earth," is the rough translation of the song they sang.

Heaven on earth! Here was romance, perhaps, for an impressionable English boy, here was the prospect, maybe, for a German girl to trade herself for love of country.

No idle fancy, this. The internment camps of Britain are packed with such stories.

WORKERS OF WORLD UNITE!

THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TRADES UNION COUNCIL HAS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

"While workers in Trinidad do not enjoy the same democratic rights which workers in Great Britain and other self-Governing Dominions enjoy, they still enjoy greater rights and privileges than workers under Nazi Germany or any other Fascist state.

"If the rights and privileges thus won are to be maintained and if the workers are to move forward to the attainment of greater rights, it is essential that Hitlerism and Fascism should be defeated."

Lord Lloyd has replied that he received the resolution with deep satisfaction and considers its terms reflect a just sense of the issues at stake in the present conflict.—British Wireless.

THE NAZI REFUSED TO FIGHT

Angered by a sneer at his "synthetic courage," Errol Flynn, the Irish-born Hollywood film star, challenged the editor of a pro-German newspaper in Buenos Aires to a duel.

Flynn's offer was not accepted, perhaps as well for the Nazi, for the film star is a good boxer as well as a first-class fencer and pistol shot.

Flynn's arrival in Buenos Aires was reported by "El Pampero," a strongly pro-German newspaper, with slighting references to him film portrayals.

"The time is not propitious," the newspaper said, "for the arrival in South America of an actor whose plays are based on fantasy."

Courage Sneer

A sneering comment on the taste of United States film fans and the parts played by Flynn caused Flynn to write to the editor.

"From the safety of your office you complain of my synthetic courage," he wrote. "I agree that there is no doubt regarding your own courage. Therefore, the remedy is simple."

Flynn went on to invite the editor to his room at his hotel and bring all the arms he wanted.

"Then we will lock the door," he said.

"If you open it before I do, I will kiss the ground three times in front of your office. If I leave first, then publish in your paper that for once a Nazi hero had the courage to meet a contender on an equal basis."

Flynn waited in vain in his room for the editor to turn up.

ACCIDENTS ON BRITISH RAILWAYS

The Annual Report on accidents of British railways in 1939 is of interest as it covers the first four months of war conditions.

In train accidents nine passengers were killed against eleven in 1938 and an annual average of seventeen for the previous five years while eight railway servants were killed against seven in 1938 and an average of ten in the previous five years.

In train accidents and accidents caused by or connected with the movement of railway vehicles exclusive of train accidents together fatal casualties totalled 353 against 321 for 1938 and an average of 338 in the previous five years.

The Report refers to the record for 1939 as reflecting credit on both the travelling public and railway staffs. The usual high standard of safety was fully maintained notwithstanding greatly increased pressure of traffic since the outbreak of war and unusual operating conditions due to the black-out.—British Wireless.

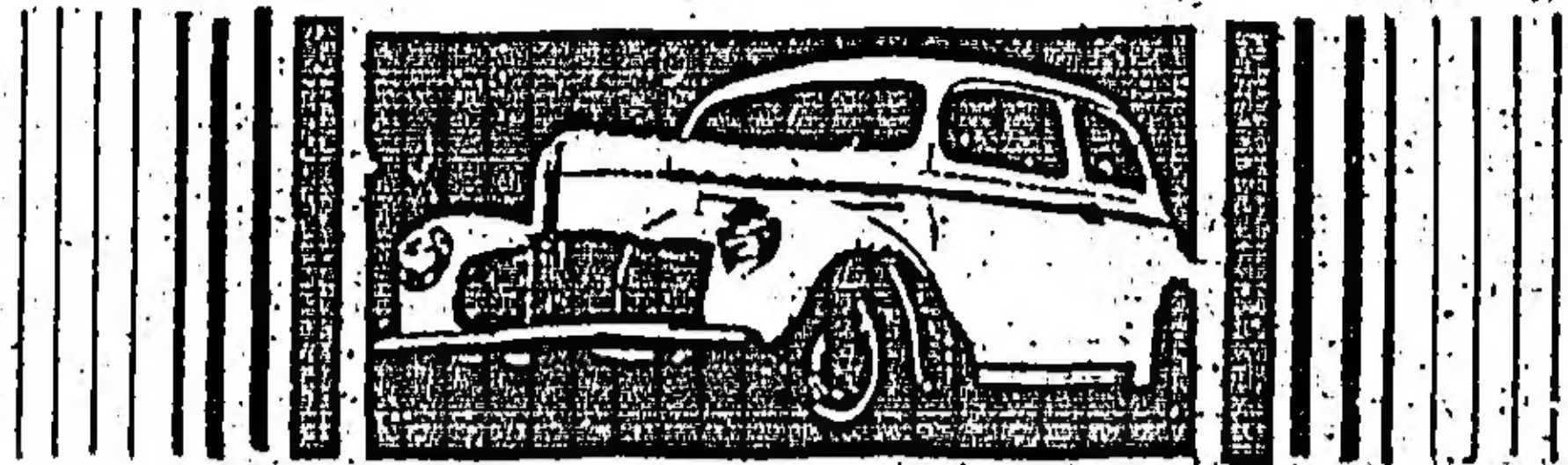
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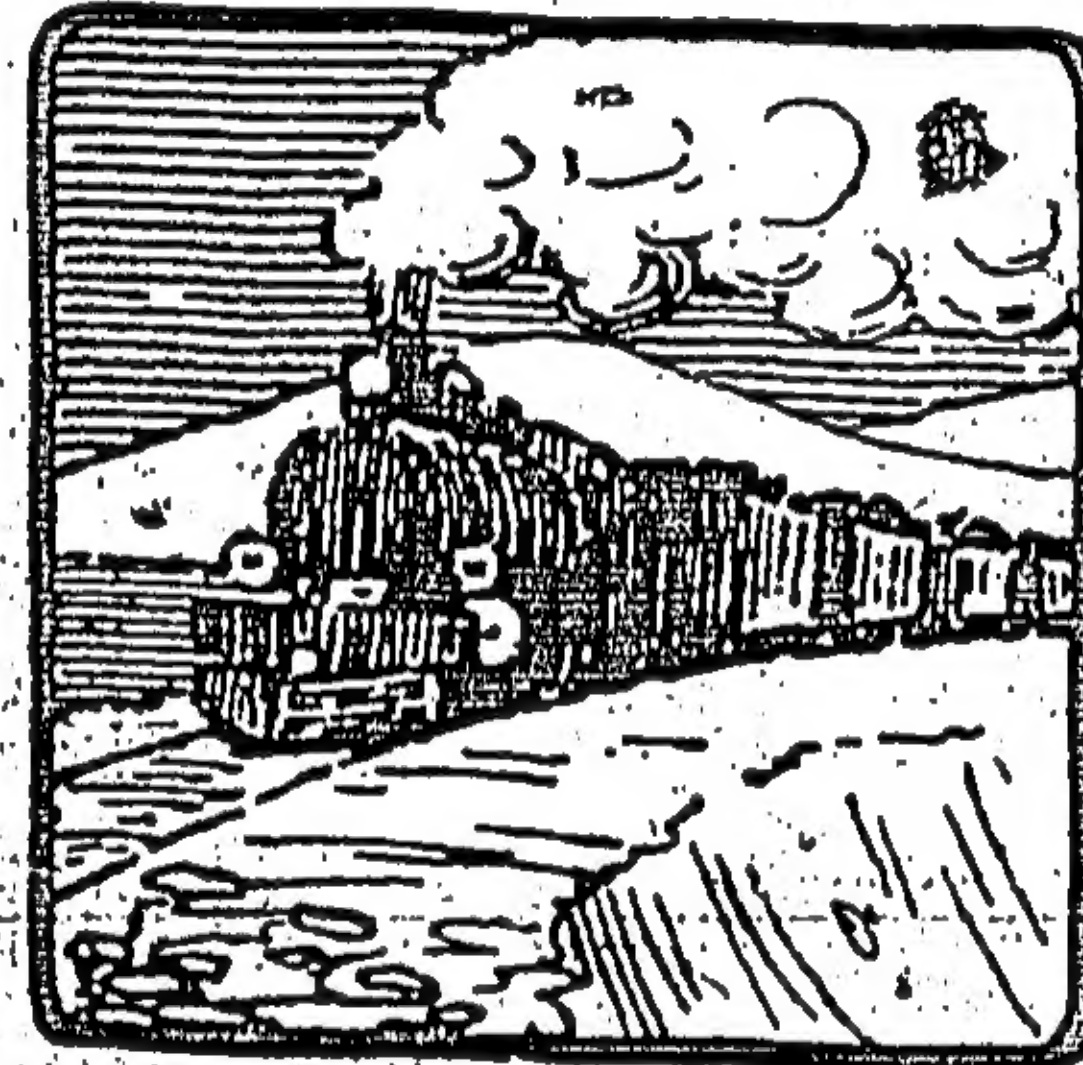
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WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

STOPPING SHORT OF GAME

"How should this hand be bid?" asks D. P. Langlois, of Decatur, Illinois. "Several tables played it at no-trump, making only seven tricks; and once it was played at game in spades—down one."

North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A K J 5
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ K Q 10 9
 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ J 8 6 5 3
 ♦ 9 6 4
 ♣ A 8 7
 ♠ N
 ♥ W
 ♦ E
 ♣ S
 ♠ Q 8 4
 ♥ K J 8 7
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ J 6 2

A no-trump contract is illogical because of the wide-open diamonds; and any game contract is a rather poor risk because of skimpy high-card strength coupled with flat distribution. As it happens, a 3-3 break in hearts and clubs makes it possible to fulfill a game at hearts, but it isn't always necessary to bid a game to get a good score in a tournament. According to the account given by Mr. Langlois, a top score would have been earned for three hearts with an overtrick. This bidding seems most reasonable:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

North hesitates to double-raise the hearts with only three-card support, but has to show his strength at some point. At the same time he announces strength in three suits, indicating that no-trump is unsafe unless South can take care of the diamonds.

South has no reason to go back to spades since hearts ought to make a better trump. At spades, Declarer has to ruff the third diamond; at hearts, the ruff can be taken in dummy; allowing South to keep better control of the hand.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ A Q 10 7 4
 ♣ K J 9

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maler	Yox	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. You have enough strength to invite a game, and no-trump seems a likely spot. Score 100% for two no-trump, 60% for two spades, 0 for three no-trump.

QUESTION NO. 493.

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 8 3
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A Q 10 7 4
 ♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

Schenken	Maler	Yox	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

WHERE ARE HIS PARENTS?

Scotland Yard are trying to trace the parents of a 13-year-old boy, found wandering in Oxford Street, and who says he came to London from Bristol, but does not know where he lives in London.

He says his name is John Stanley Goolchilly, and that he came with his family recently from Bristol to London.

The boy is detained at St. Pancras Hospital and may be suffering from loss of memory.

He appears to be well-educated and was wearing navy blue blazer, grey socks with yellow rings, and a blue school cap with yellow rings.

HERO DIES ON WEDDING EVE

A young naval officer, fatally wounded when an enemy plane attacked his ship off Dunkirk, carried on firing at the enemy till he had brought the plane down.

At his home port, his bride-to-be waited in vain for a telephone call that was to tell her on what day this week she was to marry him.

Sub-Lieutenant Neville Lyon Humphreys (28), whose home was at Birkenhead, became engaged to Miss Mavis Oldfield, of Portsmouth, two years ago.

Shortly before leaving for his last trip to Dunkirk he promised to fix a wedding date on his return.

A few hours later Miss Oldfield learned that he had died at a south-coast hospital.

RAILWAYMEN WILL PLAY THEIR PART

Railwaymen will play their part in the fight for liberty, declared Mr. J. Marchbank, general secretary of the N.U.R., at Morecambe.

In spite of what had happened in France and other countries, he said, the will and determination of the British people remained unchanged.

Even if we had to regard ourselves as fighting within a fortress, there were outside the fortress millions of men and women who were prepared to stand by us and fight for us to remove all that Nazism and Fascism stood for.

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NICOTINE DEADLY AS PRUSSIC ACID

Nicotine is a poison as rapid in its action as prussic acid, declared Dr. M. Haines, pathologist, at a Westminster inquest. A few drops would be a fatal dose, he said.

A verdict that he took his life while of unsound mind was recorded on William Yates (37), of Hall Road, Fulwood, Preston, found dead from nicotine poisoning in a London hotel.

MURDER IN GAS-MASK ALLEGED

That a woman put her baby into its gas helmet and gassed him because she was afraid "he would grow up and be mad" was alleged at Liverpool Police Court.

The woman, Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Evans (33), of Hanford Avenue, Orrell Park, Liverpool, was accused of the wilful murder of her son, Edward Peter Evans (18 months). She was remanded in custody.

The prosecution said that the woman told the police what she had done. They then found the child dead in its gas helmet, which was attached to the gas supply.

In a statement to the police the woman said:—

"Since the birth of our only child, Edward Peter Evans, he has had a number of falls on the back and forehead.

"When he was seven months old he could talk a little, but he only mutters now and is indistinct. When I speak to him he shakes his head, and I decided to do away with him as I thought he would grow up and be mad."



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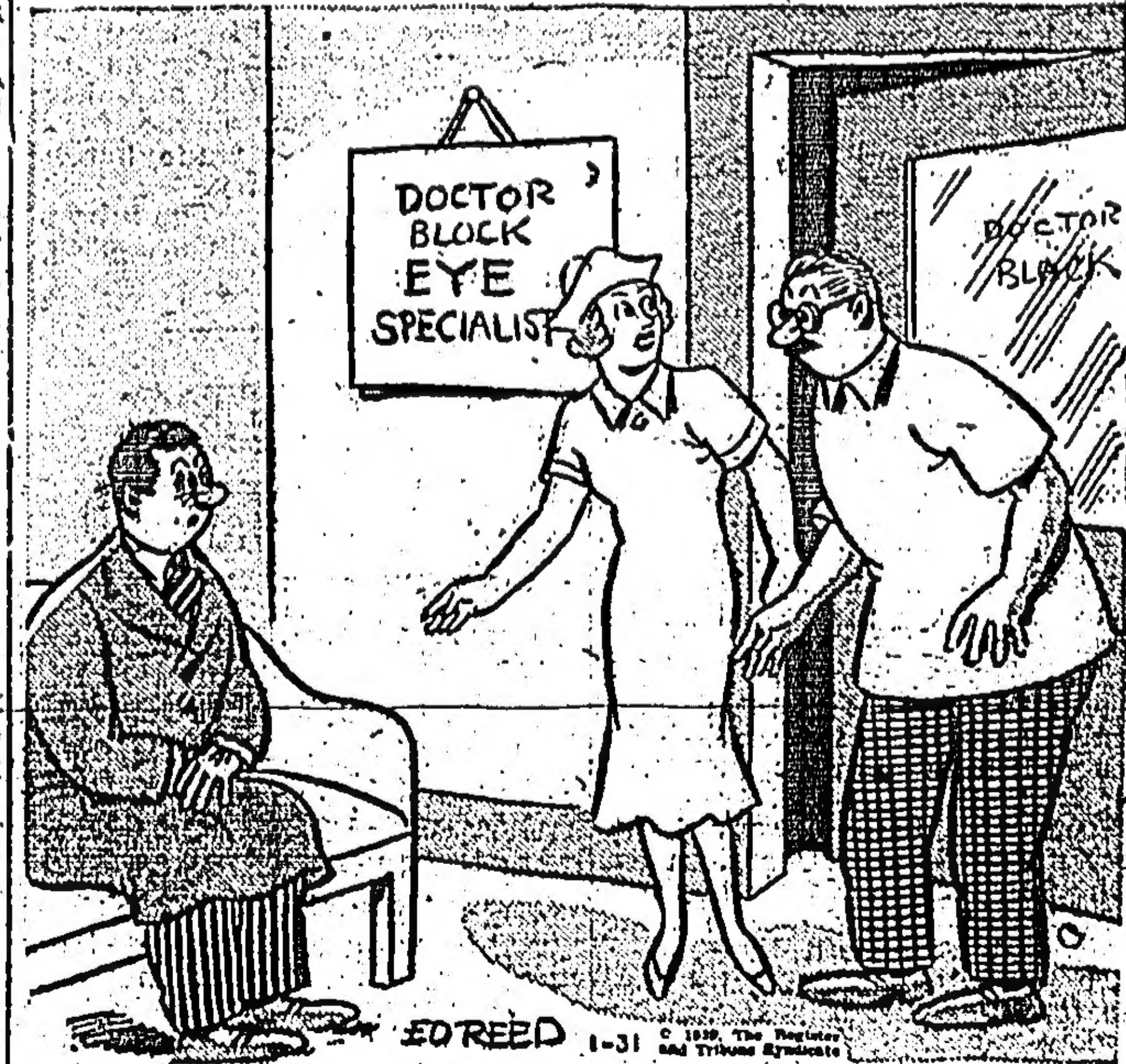
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By ED REED.



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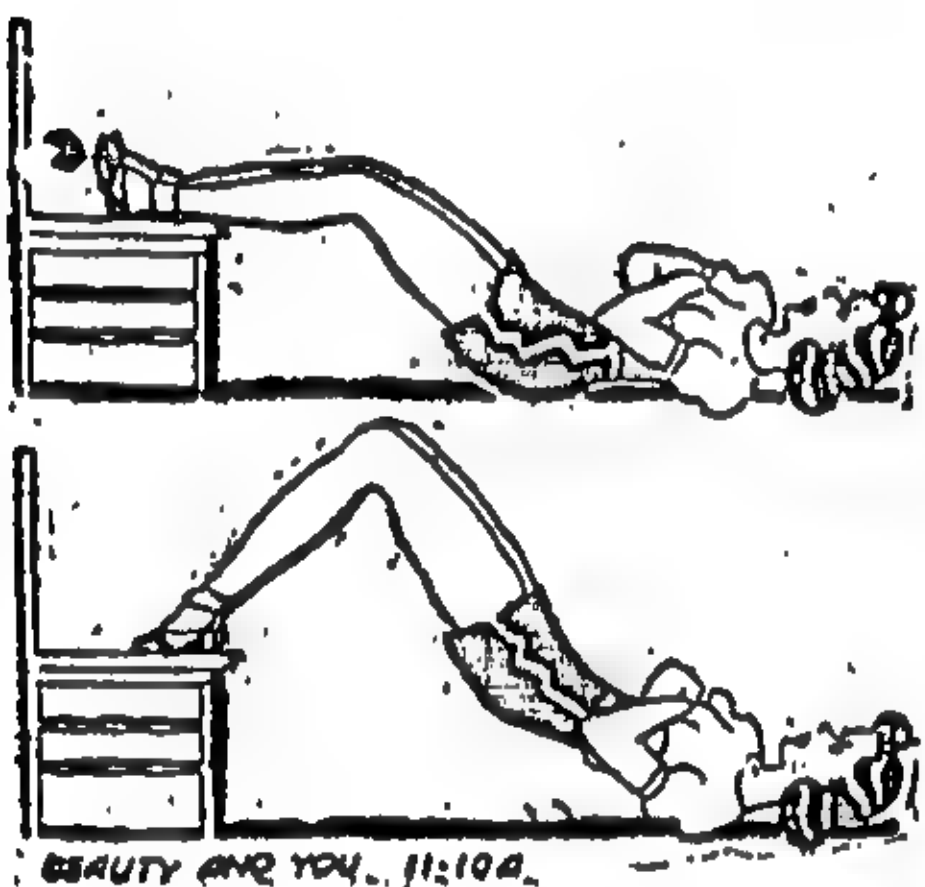
By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Muscle Toners For The Busy Lady

There can be no true beauty without bodily well-being, we know that. But the catch is finding the time to keep our muscles toned. For simple home exercises try these — they are very effective and take little time.



Exercise 1: Put an ordinary chair of average height against the wall. Lie flat on your back on the floor with heels placed up on chair seat, and arms crossed on chest.

Raise your torso from the floor, using shoulders as pushers and push high enough so your feet may be placed flat on the chair seat.

First day do this ten times then increase daily until you total thirty.

In this one exercise practically all the muscles of the body come into play. The chest, shoulders and arms are strengthened, and the abdomen and back muscles are firmed. Even the neck, legs and feet are exercised to relieve fatigue.

Exercise 2: Still lying on the floor, clasp hands behind the neck. Keep legs and knees together, unbent, and raise them slowly in the air until they are pointing directly at the ceiling. Lower them slowly. Repeat five times.

Exercise 3: After relaxing, stretch out again and tuck your toes under a heavy weight (such as a radiator). Stretch arms up over head. Raise your trunk to a sitting position, bend forward and touch your toes (if you can). This exercise should not be done more than three times a day the first week.



Exercise 4: Now stand up with feet rather wide apart, arms extended and hands clasped above head. Bend the trunk forward with a swing, allowing your arms to swing forward, down and as far back between legs as they will go. Return to original position.

Relax. Repeat three times each day the first week and increase up to ten.

Follow these exercises with a warm shower and a brisk alcohol rub if your skin is not too dry.

Cool Food For Warm Days

It is worth while making as much use as possible of various cold meats, pies, galantines.

With packet aspic jelly prepared like any packet jelly—or a bottle of aspic jelly—and some imagination, you can serve such "ready-made" dishes very easily.

When preparing any vegetables for one meal, such as carrots, turnips, peas, beans, cook a larger quantity than you need, reserve some, let them get cold and cut into dice, if large.

With Aspic

Line a dish with melted aspic jelly, arrange the cold vegetables in a nice pattern, pour on a little

By

The Home Chef

more jelly, leave to set, then add whatever cold meat you have to hand, cut into nice portions. A mixture of meats can be used. Fill up the dish with more jelly and leave to set. Turn out on to a bed of lettuce leaves.

This dish can be prepared very easily in the morning and left ready for the evening, and can be varied indefinitely.

Cold Eggs

As a change try eggs this way. Line individual dishes with jelly and vegetables, as above. Poach some eggs, drain well, trim neatly, and when cold slip one egg into each dish, fill up with jelly and leave to set. (The eggs should be soft, and are a pleasant change from the various methods of serving cold hard-boiled eggs.)

Fish Dishes

Cold fish dishes are popular, too. Salmon, for those who can afford it, is a summer favourite, but other fish can be served similarly. Any suitable whole fish should be cooked, like salmon, in a court bouillon — a small carrot and onion sliced, coloured in a little margarine, then with a bouquet of herbs, salt, a gill of vinegar to a quart of water, all simmered together for half an hour and strained, makes the court bouillon. (Cheap white wine can be substituted for the vinegar, but use more of it to the quantity of water.)

Mayonnaise Jelly

Let the fish get cold, then decorate with mayonnaise-aspic,

made by mixing melted aspic with mayonnaise, a little at a time, in the proportions of half a gill of aspic to half a pint of mayonnaise, or more aspic if needed.

Sweets

Now for some sweets. Try strawberries, sprinkled with orange juice, and without sugar, for a refreshing change. Where there are children serve junket daily, with fresh or stewed fruit.

Ices

To make ice cream at home usually demands more sugar than can be spared from the ration, but in most districts one can get very good ready-made ice cream in bars or bricks. If served prettily in glasses, with fresh fruit on top, you will have an inexpensive and pleasant sweet.

Creamed Rice

With rice many good sweets can also be made. Simmer three ounces of well-washed rice in a pint of milk, adding just enough sugar to flavour it, until the rice has swollen and absorbed all the milk. When cold, it may be served in various ways—with some thick, whipped cream beaten, mixed with a puree of any fruit, crushed strawberries being excellent, with a melted chocolate sauce on top, garnished with different summer fruits, with spoonfuls of jams, spread between halved bananas and topped with cream or custard or jam.



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STORY OF A MAN WITH A MAID

Yeung Wai-king, clerk, pleaded not guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to charges of wounding Li Wan-lin, with intent to maim, disfigure or disable and wounding.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Assistant Crown Counsel, prosecuted and accused was not represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. F. Cullen (foreman), A. Floisant, J. Choa, Charles Lam Chui, Chen Sam, Kin Yao-jee and Yu King-po.

Mr. Reynolds said accused was a clerk in the Asia Life Insurance Co., and complainant was a spinster aged 17. He met her some time in January and after meeting several times, they stayed seven or eight times at the Luk Hoi-tung Boarding house for the night. Later she stayed with him for two or three months in a house at Nathan Road but she later left defendant and went to live at No. 8, Aberdeen Street.

On July 11, accused saw her at Aberdeen Street and they went to the Luk Hoi-tung Boarding House where they stayed for two days.

On July 12, accused bought a chopper. He asked the girl to go to his house with him but she refused. There was a quarrel but they stayed that night at the boarding house. Next morning, the girl was awakened by accused holding her neck. There was a struggle and the girl saw the chopper on a table covered with a shirt. They fell to the ground and the girl saw accused reach for the chopper. She next felt that she had been struck. She ran out to the verandah and raised an alarm. A foki came to the door but was unable to open it as accused had tied the door. Later the door was forced and defendant taken to the Police station.

The girl was taken to hospital and was found to be suffering from a cut on the head and other superficial wounds.

The Quarrel

When formally charged, accused admitted the wounding and during the Lower Court proceedings said he had bought the chopper to threaten the girl. They had quarrelled over the life she was leading. He tried to tell her not to lead the life of a prostitute and was not himself when he struck her.

Li Wan-lin said she first met accused at the Kwong Ming Theatre in January. After that she met him several times and stayed with him at the hotel. He asked her to live with him permanently and he took her to his friend's house at No. 778, Nathan Road, where she lived for two months.

Accused told her he was a police interpreter.

After that she left him and went back to her mother.

Cross-examined by accused, the girl denied that he first met her in a brothel. She denied that he found her at No. 8, Aberdeen Street, a prostitute lodging house, on July 11, but met him in the Central District.

The case is proceeding.

STOCK MARKET MOVEMENTS

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday, gold mining and copper shares received investment support on views that the yields are very attractive at present prices. Other sections were mainly steady with a preponderance of small gains among industrials.

Gilt-edged mostly passed without change. Wall Street was irregular.

THEFT OF PUMP

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, on Wong Sing, 28, for theft of a hand pump from a car, the property of Mr. M. K. Lo, Alexander Building, at Wardley Street yesterday.

WALKED INTO WRONG BUILDING

TWO "BOGUS" CHARITY COLLECTORS WALKED INTO THE ARMS OF A EUROPEAN POLICE OFFICER WHEN THEY WENT TO HIS HOUSE TO SOLICIT MONEY ON SUNDAY.

They were convicted this morning by Mr. E. Himsforth.

Accused were Chan Nam, 36, who was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, and Lau Fuk-ming, 17, who was remanded for 24 hours, when found guilty of attempting to obtain money by false pretences from Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell at No. 2, Lock Road.

They visited at 2 p.m. on Sunday, and asked Mrs. Bethell for money, pretending that they were authorised by the China Youth Society to collect charitable donations.

The Sergeant, who was called by his wife, asked accused to produce their permit from S.C.A. They produced a book, containing various children's photos, which they claimed to be the permit.

It was later disclosed that first accused was, last year, employed by the Society as a store-keeper and then obtained the book that they produced as the permit.

Accused had been victimising various residents with the assistance of second defendant, who was paid forty cents out of every dollar they obtained.

CHEUNG CHAU PICNIC

Cheung Chau residents had rather a thrill last week when they saw two mines drifting past the island. Thanks to the way in which the sea was running at the time, there was no danger of the mines being carried ashore.

According to one Cheung Chau resident, one of the mines was recovered by the Naval authorities but the second one floated out to sea.

The Cheung Chau Sunday School are holding their annual picnic to-day and the kiddies are promised a great time. The party will leave Cheung Chau at 2 p.m. by junk and will make for a bay in Lantau Island, known to Cheung Chauties as Big Wave Bay. (This is not to be confused with the Big Wave Bay next to Shek-O.)

On Thursday the annual Beach Sports will be held in the Afternoon Beach when the children will take part in swimming, running and jumping competitions. This year coloured ribbons will be awarded as prizes, Blue for first, Red for second and White for third.

The grown-ups of Cheung Chau are looking forward to Monday August 26, when the annual concert will be held in the Assembly Hall. So far the programme is being kept secret but Mr. D. O. Silver, one of the leading Cheung Chau residents, says that a number of "surprise turns" are included in the card which promises to be one of the best ever arranged.

NATIONAL SAVINGS WEEK IN HSINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") "National Savings Week" will take place all over Manchukuo between August 27 and September 3, according to an announcement in Hsinking yesterday.

The Concordia Association, encouraged by the results achieved during the national thrift campaign last year, has decided to create savings societies at each of its branch offices and has set a goal of 800 million for this year's campaign.—Havas.

TYPHOON DELAY

The "Honolulu Clipper" has been delayed another day at Guam Island due to a severe typhoon in the area of the Philippines. It is now expected to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday, August 22, and leave for San Francisco on Friday, August 23.

RIGGER U.S. BUBBER PURCHASES

THE COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT AN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE UNITED STATES OF EXTRA STOCKS OF RUBBERS.

Since the June agreement for the purchase of 150,000 tons of rubber, the American Company formed to make the purchase is to increase its reserve stock up to 330,000 tons.

This will be shipped to the United States as far as possible before December, 1941. The price will be not less than 17 or more than 18½ cents a pound.

The purchase will be made through normal trade channels.—Reuter.

U.S. RUBBER STOCKS

UNITED STATES RESERVE RUBBER STOCKS FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE PURPOSES ARE TO BE RAISED BY 180,000 TONS TO OVER 400,000 TONS.

The Rubber Reserve Company (which was set up for the purpose of establishing such reserves) announced in New York yesterday it has agreed to purchase 180,000 tons during 1941 at a price ranging from 17 to 18½ cents per lb. F.O.B.

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Mr. Eden, War Minister, states in a written reply, that the following defence measures suggested in a question by Mr. F. S. Cocks "have been noted".

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ALICANTE OIL FIRE CHARGE

The text of the letter from the Spanish Foreign Minister to the British Ambassador in Madrid was released in London yesterday. It will be recalled that it was reported a few days ago that this letter refuted charges in the Phlangist paper "Arriba" that British agents had been responsible for a fire which broke out in the oil depot at Alicante.

The letter says that the Spanish Government has not accused and does not accuse the British Government of participation in or knowledge of the fire, which caused one casualty.

The Spanish Government cannot give the names of the authors until the trial takes place.

This will be by court-martial and in public and will be held as soon as the judicial authorities have completed their case.—Reuter.

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AQUATICS

Federation To Hold Swimming Championships Once Again?

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By "NATATOR"

CHINESE SWIMMING prospects have been brightened very much by the news of a possible patching up of the breach between the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and a number of leading clubs, as talks are at present being conducted by various responsible persons to find a satisfactory solution. At present, these talks are progressing quite favourably, and the outlook is much brighter. Should a settlement be arrived at C.A.A.F. will then be able to hold their Annual Championships, which should be interesting in view of the recent improvements in standards. It is doubtful if there is any chance of a Water-polo League being formed.

A quadrangular tournament between V.R.C., Lai Tsun Swimming Union, Chung Shing and European "Y" will be staged at the European "Y" Pool on Saturday at 9.15 p.m. and half the proceeds will be donated to the local Bomber Fund.

Eastern Athletic Association are unable to accept the invitation to participate as several of their swimmers will not be available.

Featuring the cream of the Colony's swimmers, this gala will be the most interesting and biggest aquatic event this year.

Diving Event Still Undecided

Points for the individual events will be on a 3-2-1 basis, whilst team events will be reckoned on a 5-3-1 basis. The diving event which has been suggested, to count for points, is still undecided, and Chung Shing are unable to provide a diver of even fair ability. In order not to discourage diving, it is suggested that this event be treated as an exhibition item only.

The 50 yard sprint will be a close tussle between D. Taylor of V.R.C. and Ng Tsun-man of Chung Shing, with the odds slightly in favour of Taylor in view of his brilliant performance at the last V.R.C. meet, although a large section favour Ng Tsun-man, who has clocked 25-2/5 seconds in the "Y" Pool.

Fong Chung U, of Lai Tsun should annex the breast-stroke event, whilst V.R.C. and Chung Shing will probably select Luigi Remedios and Cheng Chap-he respectively. The logical representative for "Y" should be R. A. Dodd. Remedios and Dodd will probably start with a butterfly stroke, which has been allowed in this tournament, but in spite of this I cannot imagine either of them beating Fong, unless they can last the whole distance with that stroke at a fairly fast pace. A. K. Rumjahn of V.R.C. will dominate the pool for the backstroke, whilst B. S. Wilson of the "Y" should be able to take second place.

For the longer distance events of 220 and 440 yards, Ng Nin is down to take both events. Chan Chun-nam of Lai Tsun will also swim both events and I favour him to take second place for both. For the "Y" G. T. May will swim the former race, whilst L. A. Benn will swim the other. V.R.C.'s representative is still undecided.

Chung Shing To Win Medley Relay

The 150 yards medley should result in a win for the Chung Shing trio of So Tim-mo, Ng Nin, and Ng Tsun-man. V.R.C. with Rumjahn, Hutchinson and Taylor should come a close second. Lai Tsun will probably field their usual team of Poon Wing-kai, Fong Chung U and Tsang Cheung-ming. B. S. Wilson, R. A. Dodd and G. T. May will make up the "Y" team. The 200 yards free-style relay for four men should be the closest

race of the evening, as Chung Shing and V.R.C. are almost of even strength, whilst the Lai Tsun can be called upon to put up a good fight any day.

Two events for Ladies are also included in the programme. The first which is the 200 yards free-style relay, in which will be seen the two fastest Chinese combinations as well as the strong V.R.C. team. The odds are on the V.R.C. team winning.

The other race will be the 100 yards free-style, and Miss V. Churn of V.R.C. is tipped to win. Miss Ip Chui-man of Chung Shing and Miss Ko Miu-lin of Lai Tsun will probably enter the race, and a good swim should be seen.

Lai Tsun-V.R.C. Meet To-morrow

To-morrow evening Lai Tsun will entertain V.R.C. to a return swimming engagement at the Chinese "Y" pool at 8 p.m. V.R.C. may not be able to field the same team again but even with the help of some second-stringers, they should win comfortably, as they had plenty to spare at the last meet.

Lai Tsun supporters have confidence in their team, as V.R.C. will be swimming in a fresh water pool.

The only event in which I can envisage an upset is in the ladies' 50 yards free-style. On the last occasion Miss V. Churn just managed to beat Miss Ko Miu-lin by only 2/5 of a second, and swimming in a fresh water pool it might just make that little difference for Miss Ko to win the race. Miss Ko has only been taking up swimming seriously this year, and is progressing remarkably well.

Another Record Broken

The second of the series of Triangular Meets between the South China C.B.C. and Chinese "Y" was held last week. Fairly good times were recorded, and one record was lowered. The results turned out as predicted. The 100 yards dash was an easy affair for Lo Yuk-wing ("Y") who negotiated the distance in 60-4/5 secs; Wan Lai-man of C.B.C. was a much better swimmer than Yeung Cheung-wa of South China, but the latter through good turnings managed to be placed second.

The greatest thrill of the evening was provided in the Men's 200 metres free-style relay, when Chinese "Y" just managed to squeeze a win of a fifth of a second over the Chinese Bathing Club, in 2 min. 0-2/5 secs, both teams breaking the existing National mark of 2 min. 1-1/10 sec. set up in 1935.

Both Chinese "Y" and C.B.C. are to be congratulated in that they both broke the National record. Incidentally, this is the second record shattered during the series of tournaments, the first one being the ladies' 200 metres lowered by Miss Leo P.

Miss Lee's Effort

Winning the ladies' 50 metres free-style from Miss Ho Wai-ling (C.B.C.) after she had taken the lead for almost three-quarters of the way, Miss Lee Cheuk-wa, of South China, swam a marvellous race. Apart from conceding a big lead in the early stages of the race, she also fouled the lanes when she almost picked up on Miss Ho on the return lap, and it was only through a good recovery that she managed to win by a fifth of a second.

Swimming easily Miss Lee Pui-luen, of South China, won the 400 metres race from the only other entry, Miss Yeung King-yuk of the "Y".

The waterpolo game which concluded the programme was played to a draw between the South China and the Chinese "Y" teams, each side scoring once, Henry Sa for South China and Soong Yiu-tak for Chinese "Y".

Chung Shing's Successful Gala

Before a capacity crowd of at least seven hundred people, Chung Shing held a most successful gala in aid of Charity, when the drawing card for the evening was the 150 metres medley relay open to the Colony.

Chung Shing team won the event easily in 1 min. 38 secs. The butterfly stroke which was allowed was used by Ng Nin of Chung Shing, and Chan Kam-fui, of Chinese "Y" both of them returning fairly good time. Ng Nin improved on his former time of 31 secs. for fifty yards by swimming 50 metres in 32 seconds.

Ng Nin, who has been so prominent recently, set up another good time in the 200 metres free-style event by clocking 2 min. 34-2/5 secs. with a fairly even stroke all the way through, followed by Ng Tsun-man and Fung Kwai-sang.

The men's 50 metres event was also finished in good time by Ng Tsun-man in 29-1/5 secs. as compared with Fung Kwai-sang who finished second in 30-4/5 secs.

In this event one of the swimmers was seen to be tugging at the lane guides when he fouled them, but no attempt was made to disqualify him. During the week at Chinese "Y" pool at North, another swimmer committed the same offence and won an important relay race. It seems that there is a certain amount of laxity in supervision.

In the same evening, Chinese Bathing Club also held a gala, in which the 100 metres breast-stroke, open to the Colony event, was won by Enrique Chan in 82-4/5 seconds.

Kenneth Lo's Improvement

On Saturday South China entertained Hong Kong University in a swimming contest which the latter won by 31 points to 17. This makes the third victory for Hong Kong "U" over outside clubs, and they should indeed be proud of their achievement.

Marked improvement was shown in their swimming standards, especially in the case of Kenneth Lo who swam 400 metres in 6 mins. 33 secs. as compared with his time of 7 min. 2 secs. which he made a fortnight ago against Chinese Bathing Club. Ng Tsun-man of University completed the 50 metres free-style in the impressive time of 27-4/5 seconds, but as there was a very strong current in favour of him at that time the record has not been taken for official purposes.

Donald Yeung Cheung-wa of South China won the 400 metres event in 5 min. 38-3/5 secs. Lee Ping-fui, for South China, who started with a breast-stroke dropped out after 150 metres.

Ho Pun-kun, of South China, proved his superiority in both of the breast-stroke events of 100 and 200 metres by winning both easily.

The back-stroke event, which was the closest of the evening, was won by Wong Yat-hung closely followed by Yeung Cheung-wa and L. E. Gutierrez, the last two racing neck to neck for almost all the distance, only towards the end Yeung Cheung-

LEARNING TO SWIM The Breast-Stroke

By Guy Larcom, Jr.

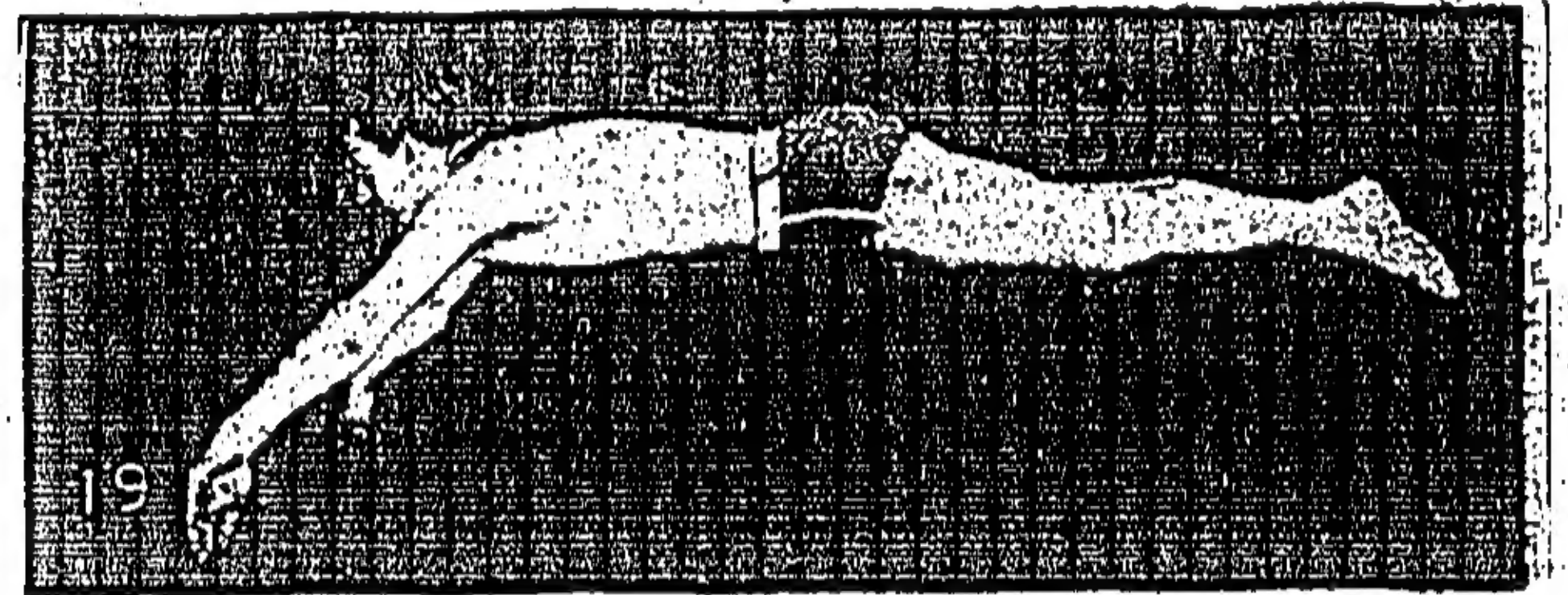
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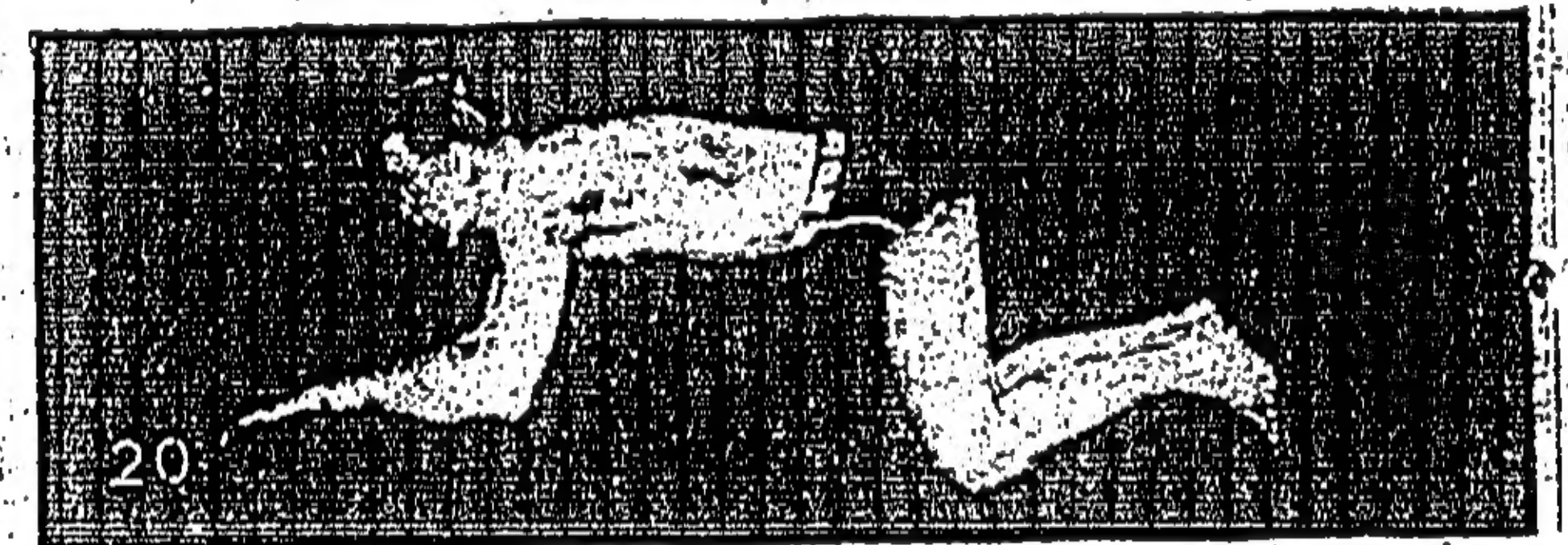
"IT IS A POPULAR stroke, but, contrary to popular notion, it is not the easiest stroke of all to learn. Experience has shown that the careful timing and delicate relaxation it requires are harder to achieve than the rudimentary rhythms of the crawl stroke."

This is an old stroke, but un- and graceful only as the result like other old strokes it is not losing its popularity. It is slow compared to the crawl, yet the fact that it is still so widely swum and that it is used in competition is a tribute to its graceful qualities and general all-around worth. It is valuable in lifesaving and comfortable in rough water swimming. For many persons the type of muscular action required in the breast-stroke comes easier than does that of the crawl. Yet it should be emphasised at the outset that this stroke, perhaps even more than some of the others, can be made enjoyable, effective

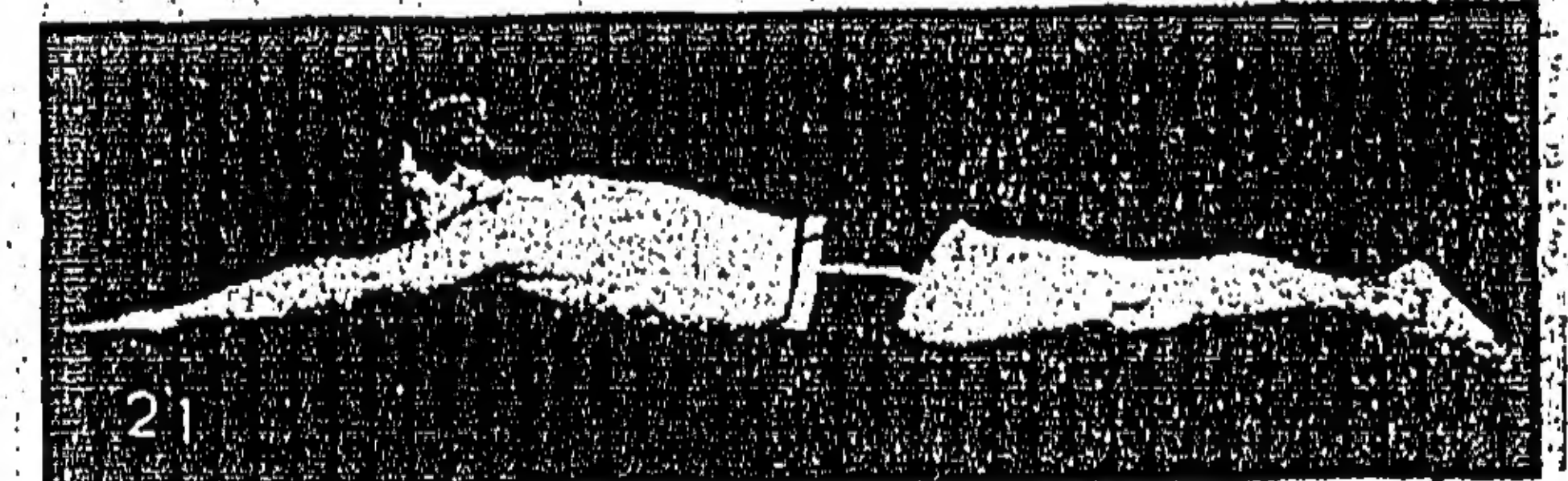
and graceful only as the result of careful practice. There are many humdrum breast-strokes to be seen to-day; one that is swum according to proper form is always distinctive. Figure 21 at the end of this article merits study, for it represents the beginning and the end of the series of movements that make up the breast-stroke. It may be recognised by some as the beginner's glide described in a previous article on learning to swim. From this position, arms and legs extended, the arms are spread as in Figure 19 working on the water like oars to tug the body forward.



Pushing forward in position 21 more than from twelve to per- the swimmer can first try a haps eighteen inches. During strong, full pull back to the hips. the spread or pull of the arms, In the regular pull, Figure 19, the legs remain extended, toes however, the arms do not pass pointed, in a non-resisting posi- the shoulders and do not sink tion.



Through with their work, the this stroke. arms bend at the elbows—sweep in to a point just under the chin, whence they are pushed forward, palms parallel to the surface and about 10 inches beneath it. The legs are drawn up as in Figure 20 and the knees bent just as the arm pull ends, when, for example, the arms move from 19 to 20. The legs thus are ready to kick as the arms are pushed forward. The two motions co-ordinate so that the body moves forward in a long, graceful glide, which is the point of greatest momentum in be applied at full extension.



Breath is caught during the pull, expelled during the "thrust" of the arms. To inhale, the body need not be raised by the arm pull, for this will cause a disagreeable, retarding bobbing, nor need the head be moved. A slight rising and falling will occur anyhow, and the swimmer's primary concern should be to keep this at a minimum, to make his arm power go into a forward pull rather than in a supporting or lifting movement. The breast-stroke is strong and

wn-forged out ahead of Gutierrez, to beat him by a touch.

Miss Au Yan-chiu Joins Eastern

On Saturday Eastern will hold their second gala, the highlight of the evening will be the 150 metres medley relay.

Miss Au Yan-chiu, who once held the Federation record for breast-stroke is the latest addition to the Eastern's list of swimmers, and has been seen training daily at North Point.

The ancient and honorable breast-stroke thus has many uses on and below the surface, on the back or in a prone position. Its usefulness is rivalled only by its enjoyable swimming qualities. (Photographs and quotations are from "The Complete Swimmer", published by the Macmillan Company of New York.)

"Butterfly" Breast-Stroke Receives Official Sanction

LADIES TO HAVE SIX NEW EVENTS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A REVOLUTIONARY MEASURE was decided upon at a meeting of Victoria Recreation Club held recently when it was decided to recognise the "butterfly" mode of swimming in connection with the breast-stroke.

Army Tennis

No fewer than four Army League tennis matches were played yesterday, two of them being decided by the odd set.

5TH A.A. v. R.A.M.C. The 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, beat the Royal Army Medical Corps, by 5 sets to four, in a First Division Army Tennis League, at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Capt. Ingram and Bdr. Mew (R.A.) lost to Major Harrison and Sgt. Webb 1-6
lost to S/Sgt. Bartley and Cpl. Parkin 6-8
lost to Cpl. Musson and Cpl. Milne 3-6
Lieut. Taverner and Sgt. Morgan (R.A.) beat Harrison and Webb 8-6
beat Bartley and Parkin 6-0
beat Musson and Milne 6-4
Sgt. Lavis and Sgt. Coughlin (R.A.) lost to Harrison and Webb 3-6
beat Bartley and Parkin 6-4
beat Musson and Milne 6-3

R.E. v. R.A. In another First Division Army Tennis League match, Royal Engineers beat the 12th Battery, Royal Artillery, by 7 sets to 2, in Sookunpoo yesterday.

Major Grose and Capt. Wilkinson (R.E.) beat Lieut. Waller and Lieut. Moon 6-2
beat B.S.M. McMurthy and Sgt. Scorey 6-4
beat Sgt. Halpin and T.S.M. Elliott 6-0
S/Sgt. Megson and S/Sgt. Quinnell (R.E.) lost to Waller and Moon 3-6
beat McMurthy and Scorey 6-4
beat Halpin and Elliott 6-4
S/Sgt. Mitchell and Spr. Elsiey (R.E.) lost to Waller and Moon 4-6
beat McMurthy and Scorey 6-2
beat Halpin and Elliott 6-0

R.A. v. R.S. A further match in the same Division was played at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Second Battalion, Royal Scots, beat 12th Battery, Royal Artillery, by five sets to four.

Lieut. Moon and Lieut. Waller (R.A.) beat Lieut. Fergus and Sgt. Taylor 7-5
beat Cpl. Aisey and Bdr. Wills 7-5
beat L/Cpl. Fowler and L/Cpl. Glasgow 6-2
B.S.M. McMurthy and Sgt. Scorey (R.A.) beat Fergus and Taylor 6-4
lost to Aisey and Wills 1-6
lost to Fowler and Glasgow 2-6
Sgt. Halpin and T.S.M. Elliott (R.A.) lost to Fergus and Taylor 1-6
lost to Aisey and Wills 1-6
lost to Fowler and Glasgow 3-6

SEAFORTH v. SIGNALS Seaforth Highlanders beat Royal Corps of Signals by six sets to three in a First Division Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Powell and Webster (Seaforth) beat Bund and Wathen 9-7
beat Brakenberry and Love 6-0
beat Tomlinson and Dixon 6-4
Macrae and Garrow (Seaforth) beat Bund and Wathen 6-4
beat Brakenberry and Love 6-0
beat Tomlinson and Dixon 6-3
Wyper and Moffatt (Seaforth) lost to Bund and Wathen 5-7
lost to Brakenberry and Love 0-6
lost to Tomlinson and Dixon 5-7

This will almost certainly result in the record for the 100 yards breast-stroke championship topping this year as, although the local swimmer has not developed the "butterfly" to a fine art as yet, there are several exponents of the stroke who have already shown that with the new stroke they are capable of beating swimmers using the old form of propulsion.

Further additions to the coming Colony championships are introduction of further ladies' events. Hitherto the only championship event for the fair sex was the 100 yards free style, the winner of which has always been rated Colony ladies' swimming champion.

The new events open up a much wider field for ladies and should have the effect of increasing interest and encouraging them.

The additional events are:—
50 Yards Free Style.
440 Yards Free Style.
100 Yards Breast-Stroke.
100 Yards Back-Stroke.
150 Yards Medley Relay.
200 Yards Free Style Relay.

A further championship for men will be the 200 Yards Free Style Relay, which has hitherto been contested as an "open" event as apart from the championships.

The Colony championships for the current year will be held at V.R.C. from the 23rd. to the 28th. of next month, both dates inclusive.

AMERICAN SWIMMING RECORDS

Here are the 1940 American National A. A. U. men's outdoor swimming and diving champions: 110-yard free-style—Otto Jaretz, Towers Club, Chicago, time 58.4 seconds.

220-yard free-style—Otto Jaretz, Towers Club, Chicago, time 2 minutes, 13.1 seconds.
440-yard free-style—K. Nakama, Maui, Hawaii; time 4 minutes, 54.4 seconds.

880-yard free-style—K. Nakama, Maui, Hawaii; time 10 minutes, 08.6 seconds.
One-mile free-style—B. Nakama, Maui, Hawaii; time 21 minutes, 31.4 seconds.

110-yard backstroke—Adolph Kiefer, Towers Club, Chicago; time 1 minute, 05.5 seconds.
220-yard breast-stroke—James Skinner, Detroit; time 2 minutes, 48.8 seconds.

330-yard individual medley—Adolph Kiefer, Towers Club, Chicago; time 3 minutes 58.6 seconds.
330-yard medley relay—Towers Club, Chicago; time 3 minutes, 22 seconds.

880-yard free-style relay—Alexander House, Maui, Hawaii; time 9 minutes, 17.3 seconds.
Three metre springboard—Al Patnik, Ohio State University, 163.3 points.

Platform diving—Earl Clark, Ohio State University, 124.33 points.—Association Press.

ARMY WATER POLO

Signals defeated Royal Scots 5-2 at water polo yesterday. At half-time, Signals were leading 3-2.

ADAMSON CUP

C. F. J. Simpson qualified for the Adamson Cup (August Qualifying Competition) at Happy Valley with a score of 83-14-69.

SING TAO WIN IN PANGOON

At Rangoon yesterday Sing Tao football team won the first of the three games when they beat the Civilians by two clear goals after a goalless first-half.

Sing Tao are returning via Singapore and Manila.—Reuter.

L.R.C. BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Indian Recreation Club annual lawn bowls tournament.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—A. H. Rumjahn w/o Badan Singh; A. R. Dallah beat A. K. Ismail 21-13.

Second Round:—A. H. Rumjahn beat A. R. Dallah 21-20; D. M. Khan beat A. K. Suffad 21-20; U. A. Rumjahn beat D. M. A. Razack 21-8; S. Yusuf beat I. Kitchell 23-15; S. M. Rumjahn beat J. Hoosen 21-18; M. R. Abbas beat J. M. A. Rumjahn 21-17; A. H. Suffad beat A. S. Suffad 21-15; G. H. Madar beat M. Y. Adal 21-19; A. M. Sadick beat A. Bakar (w/o); S. M. Minu beat A. R. Minu 22-19; R. Nazarin w/o A. R. Kitchell; K. M. Nazarin beat A. M. Wahab 21-18; Rumjahn beat A. M. Wahab 21-18; Y. A. Razack beat A. O. Madar (w/o); A. K. Omar w/o S. O. Bux.

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP First Round:—A. S. Suffad and A. K. Minu beat A. R. M. Samy and Y. A. Razack.

Second Round:—A. S. Suffad and A. K. Minu beat U. A. Rumjahn and C. E. Kipp 22-4; J. M. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn beat A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu 19-11; S. Yusuf and A. H. Rumjahn beat A. K. Suffad and M. R. Abbas 16-15; M. Hassan and A. Bakar beat D. M. A. Razack and S. O. Bux 12-11; A. R. Kitchell and K. M. Rumjahn beat J. Kitchell and A. R. Dallah 14-10; S. M. Sadick and M. Y. Adal beat Badan Singh and J. Hoosen 15-7; G. Singh and A. M. Wahab beat R. Nazarin and A. G. Suffad 18-6; A. K. Ismail and D. M. Khan beat M. A. Wahab and M. U. Razack 21-11.

Third Round:—M. Hassan and A. Bakar beat G. Singh and A. M. Wahab 27-20; J. M. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn beat A. S. Suffad and A. K. Minu 16-9; S. Yusuf and A. H. Rumjahn beat S. M. Sadick and M. Y. Adal 20-6; A. R. Kitchell and K. M. Rumjahn beat A. K. Ismail and D. K. Khan 10-9.

Semi-Finals:—S. Yusuf and A. H. Rumjahn beat J. M. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn 19-8; A. R. Kitchell and K. M. Rumjahn beat G. Singh and A. M. Wahab or M. Hassan and A. Bakar 15-10.

Final:—A. R. Kitchell and K. M. Rumjahn beat S. Yusuf and A. H. Rumjahn 20-13.

RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round:—D. M. A. Razack, A. S. Suffad, J. Hoosen and M. R. Abbas (Skip) beat G. Singh, A. G. Suffad, A. H. Madar and A. K. Minu (Skip) 20-17.

Second Round:—D. M. A. Razack, A. S. Suffad, J. Hoosen and M. R. Abbas (Skip) beat B. el Arculli, Badan Singh, K. M. Rumjahn, and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip) 17-14; J. Kitchell, A. K. Ismail, S. O. Bux, and M. Y. Adal (Skip) beat A. R. M. Samy, M. A. Wahab, A. Bakar and D. M. Khan (Skip) 26-14; S. M. Sadick, A. R. Kitchell, C. E. Shipp, and A. M. Wahab (Skip) beat J. M. A. Rumjahn, M. U. Razack, R. Nazarin, and A. M. Omar (Skip) 18-13; U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Suffad, A. M. Rumjahn, and A. R. Minu (Skip) beat A. R. Rahman, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. R. Dallah (Skip) 20-18.

Third Round:—D. M. A. Razack, A. S. Suffad, J. Hoosen and M. R. Abbas (Skip) beat U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Suffad, A. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Minu (Skip) 20-15; S. M. Sadick, A. R. Kitchell, C. E. Shipp, and A. M. Wahab (Skip) beat I. Kitchell, A. K. Ismail, S. O. Bux, and M. Y. Adal (Skip) 21-16.

Final:—S. M. Sadick, A. R. Kitchell, C. E. Shipp, and A. M. Wahab (Skip) beat D. M. A. Razack, A. S. Suffad, J. Hoosen and M. R. Abbas (Skip) 30-10.

BIG GALA AT NEW ARMY POOL

Swimming enthusiasts, on the 31st, will have yet another opportunity of seeing some first class competition, this time under the ideal conditions which prevail at the new Army swimming bath at Victoria barracks.

Invitations have been issued, the "China Mail" understands, to Lai Tsun Swimming Union, V.R.C. and European Y.M.C.A. It is learned that the big events will be 200 Yards Back-stroke, 440 Yards Free Style and 200 Yards Medley Relay (each swimmer to swim 66-2/3 yards).

LAWN BOWLS DRAWS

The draw for the various Colony Lawn Bowls competitions, including the Singles, which is to start on September 1, took place yesterday and resulted as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

W. J. Burling	v	H. White
J. S. Landolt	v	A. K. Minu
A. R. Minu	v	E. F. Pope
A. Hyde Lay	v	W. McNeill
E. de Souza	v	W. V. Field
F. Goodwin	v	S. M. Rumjahn
J. Pau	v	W. J. Howard
A. R. Dallah	v	M. Y. Adal
T. W. Carr	v	Y. Abbas
E. V. Searle	v	C. Gowland
J. F. McGowan	v	R. Morrison
R. Duncan	v	M. R. Abbas
A. Brooksbank	v	J. M. Jack
A. Jillett	v	C. E. Marques
H. F. Harper	v	Y. H. Tang
J. E. V. Ribeiro	v	T. Madar
A. Morton	v	A. J. Coelho
D. W. Waterton	v	W. C. Simpson
H. Overy	v	W. Ward
J. E. Noronha	v	A. M. Holland
J. C. Alken	v	C. Downman
V. Chittenden	v	W. K. Way
L. E. Xavier	v	J. G. Meyer
C. W. Lam	v	J. E. Henson
L. Jack	v	J. McCutcheon
R. P. Phillips	v	B. Basto
F. X. Soares	v	E. C. Fincher
C. G. Silva	v	V. N. Atienza
W. S. Dall	v	J. J. Basto
G. H. Sherriff	v	M. F. Alarcon
P. Morgan	v	R. F. Luz
E. G. Post	v	W. Gill
C. M. Silva	v	W. L. Walker
E. J. Jones	v	A. F. Paul
C. S. Roscoelet	v	A. A. Lewis
A. Bower	v	M. N. Rakusen
M. Ferguson	v	J. H. Gelling
T. Coleman	v	A. E. Coates
J. K. Sloan	v	A. E. Carey
J. C. Gill	v	A. W. Grimmit
R. S. Meadows	v	C. C. Pereira
R. MacKenzie	v	R. Basa
B. A. Mansell	v	J. N. Wong

Byes:—G. Perkins, F. P. Anslow, W. Harris, J. E. Hayward, A. W. Hircocok, F. X. M. Silva, J. C. Remedios, H. A. Alves, C. H. Basto, A. H. Rumjahn, J. McKelvie, R. O. Hughes, A. Eastman, A. J. Hall, H. E. Strange, W. R. Hillyer, S. Eccleshall, M. J. Medina, U. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and W. Hong Sing.

The dates and venues for the matches will be decided during the week.

OPEN PAIRS

The draw for the Fourth Round at the Open Pairs resulted as follows:

MONDAY, AUG. 26
At Kowloon Bowling Green Club
A. J. Grimmit and E. J. Jones v C. Downman and C. Channing; winners of Eccleshall and Stevens against Cole-



man and Ferguson v Burling and Rakusen.

At Club de Recreio A. Simmonds and F. Goodwin v winners of A. Razack and C. S. Roscoelet against T. N. Madar and A. Bone.

At Civil Service C.C. W. Gill and G. Duncan v A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar; R. Basa and J. S. Landolt v A. Watson and R. Keown.

At Craigengower C.C. Gellatly and Collyer v G. F. Needham and Brooksbank.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28
At Kowloon F.C.

F. H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro v J. Peckham and W. McNeill; L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v R. Phillips and T. E. Henson.

Players are reminded that should the dates fixed for the matches prove inconvenient, they should make the arrangements themselves but the games must be played on the greens allotted and within the next fortnight.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's "B" Division Tennis League programme:—
C.D.R. v A.T.C.
S.C.A.A. v C.R.C.
C.S.C.C. v K.T.G.C.A.

MACAO RACING

Following is the programme for the meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held on September 15:

Ma Kau Shek Handicap for "E" class ponies (two sections); Park Kap Chow Handicap for "D" class ponies; Ma Lau Chow Handicap for "Y" class ponies; The Stewards' Cup for "Y" class ponies; and Tai Sam Bar Handicap for "X" class ponies.
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EXTRAORDINARY TALE OF CREDULITY AND FRAUD

IN A CASE WHICH attracted wide interest among the Chinese, Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning delivered a written judgment convicting Lau On, 32, barber, of stealing \$280 and a gold coin from two women by false pretences.

The barber was originally charged with obtaining \$800 and two gold coins by falsely pretending that he would appease a certain spirit on behalf of Leung Wah-toi, baby amah, and Sin Wai-fong, a married woman.

Inspector T. K. Whelan was for the prosecution and Mr. C. d'Almada for the defence.

Accused was fined \$200 or three months' hard labour and ordered to re-pay \$100 or serve a further two months.

Delivering judgment, the Magistrate said:—

This is a case where the Magistrate is called upon to act in his capacity as jury rather than a judge, for the questions at issue are purely those of fact. We have here two stories, one told by the witnesses for the prosecution of an amazing swindle and the other told by the defence of a sordid relationship which finished up with a false accusation. The story told by the prosecution bristles with discrepancies and inconsistencies while that of the defence is cut and dried, straightforward and was not shaken on cross-examination. And yet I believe that the story told by the prosecution witnesses is the correct version of what happened.

"Kicked To Death"

The evidence of the two women is the story of how they parted with \$900 and a gold coin to the defendant to appease the spirit of a mui-tsai kicked to death by the first complainant in a "previous life." These two women, and in particular the first, are ignorant, credulous and gullible women, whose chief

grievance seems to be, not that they have been robbed by a rogue, but that about two thirds of the money which should have been returned was never forthcoming.

Telling a story which is four months old, working in collaboration on this enterprise because they were convinced that in their previous existence they were sisters, it is not surprising that the standard of intelligence displayed in giving that evidence should result in the many inconsistencies which the evidence shows.

Indeed, I should have questioned the evidence had it been otherwise. The first complainant's mental capacity is well below average, and, throughout, she obviously did not have, and still does not have, a very clear idea of how much she paid. Second complainant is more precise in the amounts for which she knew she was responsible, and it was because we have only been dealing with the complaint of the first complainant and that because I could only feel sure that \$280 of the monies paid by the first complainant were paid on her sole account, that I amended the charge accordingly.

Fantastic In Conception

I am asked by the defence to believe that this story of the prosecution is a trumped up charge brought by the first complainant to allay the pangs of a broken heart. But to believe that this could be so is to admit that the first complainant is capable of concocting a story which is fantastic in its conception, ingenious in its detail, and should be perfect in its presentation. The mind that can conceive of such a cleverly contrived story would clothe it in a much more consistent language in the witness box.

Moreover, I am at a loss to understand why the second complainant should come and corroborate a cock and bull story. There is no blood, contractual, or even amicable relationship between them to suggest that they should conspire in the manner alleged by the defence.

But this "reductio ad absurdum" method is not the best way to adduce the real value of evidence. I do not overlook the fact that the defendant's story is watertight and is supported by witnesses who agreed with him in all details.

But a consistent story even while it must be given its due weight does not on that account alone always overrule less consistent evidence, for otherwise any "smart Alec," as I believe this defendant to be, could prey upon credulous women and then come to the Court with a manufactured story and seek the Court's protection for his nefarious practices.

Rang True

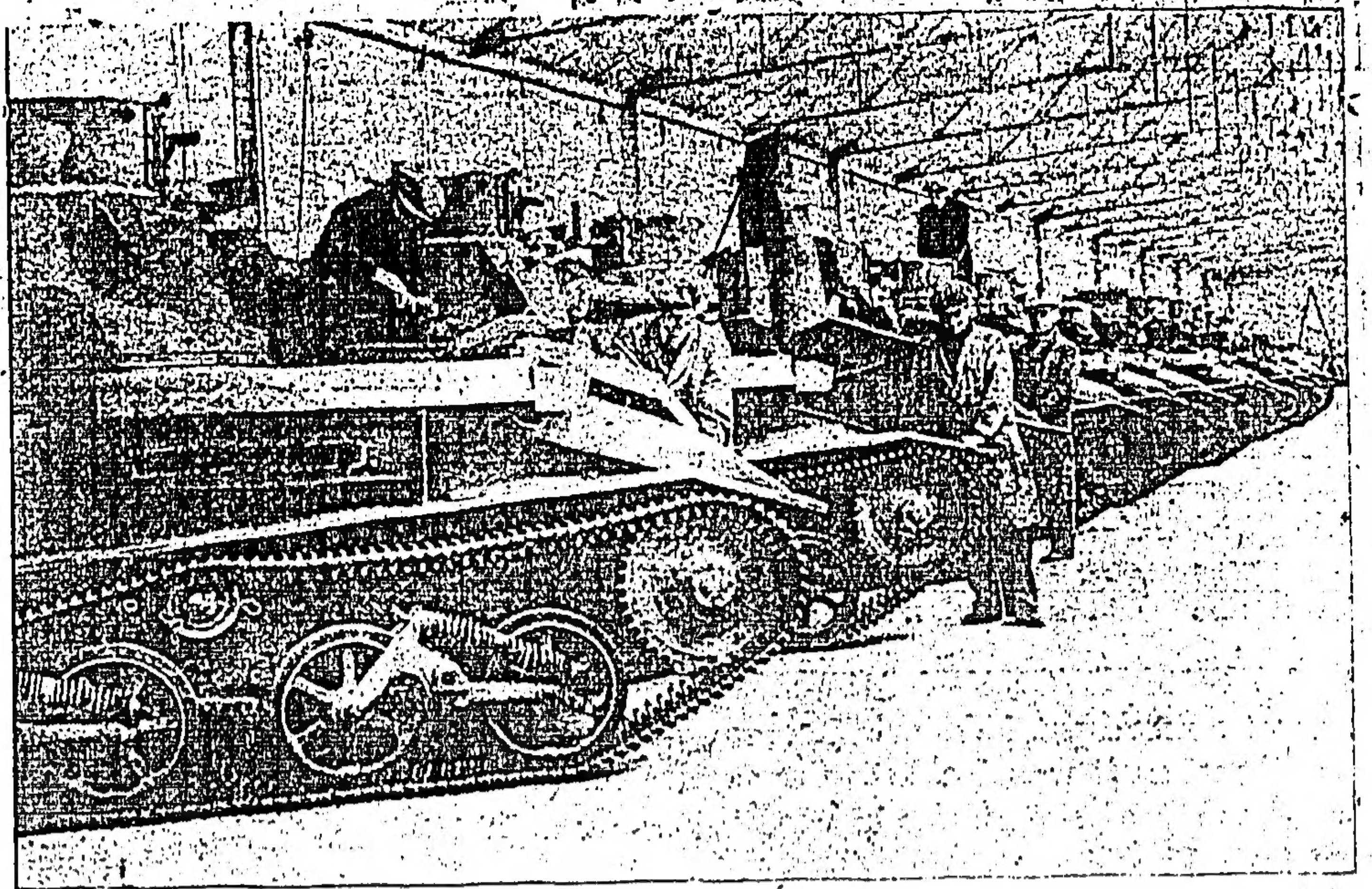
But having listened to the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution and those for the defence I am absolutely certain in my own mind that the first complainant gave a true account of what happened four months ago. Her evidence, given with conviction and in spite of her poor presentation of it, nevertheless rang true. I was equally impressed by the support of the second complainant, who was much clearer on details. But I thought after the defendant's evidence that his story was a tissue of lies. True it was supported by witnesses who collaborated in full.

It was the same story, cast in the same mould and agreeing therefore in the most minute details.

My impression of the defendant was that he was lying and so were his confederates; and in his lying he did not refrain from stooping to employ the basest methods of besmirching the moral character of the first complainant.

I do not believe that she is the moral reprobate which defendant has painted her. I do not believe that she ever spent a night with the defendant in a hotel (although no doubt he did); I do not believe she ever knew the defendant before this incident or kept his company except for the day she had him arrested. Having heard and seen both parties in the box I am satisfied the story for the prosecution is the correct version of what happened and I think that any jury which had had the same opportunity of hearing this case would come to the same conclusion.

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Remarkable figures of increases in munitions output in recent weeks were given by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, when in the House of Commons he reviewed the work of his Department since he took over. The production of various types of tanks has increased 115 per cent whilst other arms have been increasing by leaps and bounds. This picture was taken at a Royal Ordnance Depot (a distributing centre for the Army) and shows tanks receiving finishing touches. (Copyright, Fox).

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TRIAD "WAR" IN KOWLOON

A free-for-all between two triad societies in Nam Chang Street, Shamshui-poo, last night resulted in two casualties being removed to Kowloon Hospital with severe injuries.

It appears that shortly before midnight, several members of one triad society went to a tea house in Nam Chang Street, demanding that a waitress in that establishment become one of their members.

The waitress, who was already a member of another society, called for assistance from her "protector" who immediately sent a batch of "fighters" to the scene, where they, after strong arguments over their jurisdiction, started a fight.

It is alleged that over 20 gangsters participated with various weapons.

The police were summoned but both parties had scattered before their arrival, leaving the injured behind.

The police are still investigating but no arrests have been effected.

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